

WILL BORROW MANY MILLIONS Mr. Takahashi Sent By Japan to Float Big Loan, Arrived By Kaga Maru TELLS OF HIS IMPORTANT MISSION Will Borrow Forty Millions of Dollars—Japan Is Seeking Money For Enterprises

Mr. Takahashi, vice-governor of the Bank of Japan and financial agent commissioned by the Japanese government to float the remaining portion of the \$250,000,000 foreign loan authorized by the Japanese diet, half of which has been issued at 6 per cent, arrived here on his way to New York and London by the steamer Kaga Maru Wednesday accompanied by Mr. Kwano, agent of the Japanese Financial Bureau, and three secretaries. The non-redemption period of that portion of the foreign loan issued at 6 per cent, expires on March 31st and the intention of the Japanese government is to convert it into a four per cent obligation. Mr. Takahashi's mission is to negotiate with British and American capitalists with regard to the raising of forty millions of dollars for this purpose, and also the flotation of further loans of further amounts, if possible, the money obtained to be used for the most part in carrying out enterprises in Manchuria.

Mr. Takahashi in an interview given to a Colonist reporter said nothing had been settled other than the rate of interest. He could not say whether he would be able to float the loan at New York or London. Asked whether Mr. Schiff of New York would arrange for the flotation of the loan he said evasively he intended to visit Mr. Schiff, who was his good friend. Japanese papers received by the steamer report details on his part that an agreement had been made with either Mr. Schiff or Mr. Harman to float the loan, although both had promised to assist in floating it.

Mr. Takahashi said his mission did not include the flotation of the \$40,000,000 which the Japanese government proposes to raise for the Manchurian railway system, his mission being to float the government loan only. He declined to discuss Japanese affairs, politically or otherwise, beyond to state that there was no disagreement of any consequence between Viscount Hayashi and the Japanese premier and that Viscount Hayashi would resume his post in the Japanese cabinet.

As stated some days ago the indebtedness of the Japanese government already totals a billion and eleven and half millions of dollars. The total expenditures for the current year under the ordinary budget—there is also a supplementary war budget—amount to 487,000,000 yen (the yen is equivalent to approximately fifty per cent). To meet this the revenue had to be supplemented by domestic loans to the amount of 487,000,000 yen, in spite of the continuation in full of the war taxes. It may be said that much of the heavy expenditure is of a special and temporary nature. This is only true to a certain extent. The finance minister, Mr. Sakurai, has stated that 172,000,000 yen must be regarded as a permanent increase, an amount mainly composed of the sums to be spent for defraying the interest and principal of the war debt, and for providing pensions, his increase will, it is true, be nearly balanced by the continuation of the war taxes, which total 180,000,000. But there is also further expenditure needed to meet the cost of reestablishing the efficiency of the army and navy, that will involve additional loans for some years. Under the heading of extraordinary expenditure for the finance department, there is an appropriation this year of 79,000,000 yen for war expenditures reserve fund. Of this 25,000,000 go to the army and the same sum to the navy for "restorations." These "restorations" in the army and navy are to be spread over six or seven years, and 4,000,000 have yet to be spent on the army, involving 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 each year, while the navy minister has declared that his service will require 25,000,000 for the next few years.

In addition there will be 10,000,000 at least for the expenses of the four new divisions in Korea and Manchuria, and a few millions for expenses connected with Port Arthur and the residency general in Korea. Since the amount of the war taxes will be fully taken up by the new expenditure a permanent increase in the revenue will have to be increased next year by some 40,000,000 yen if a deficit is to be avoided. Needless to say expenditure on education, commerce and other matters will increase rather than decrease, though it is proposed to meet expenditure of a profitable nature by means of loans.

But the question of providing an addition of some 40,000,000 yen to the revenue must be faced. Raising the rate of the taxes would seem impossible. The expenditure under this year's budget is, as already stated 487,000,000 yen. The highest figure at which it ever stood before the war was in 1900, when it was 262,000,000. The benefit from the land tax is now nearly double, that from the income and business taxes nearly treble what it was before the war. It must be seen how the nation will bear the heavy increase, before attempts are made to raise the rate. Some addition can, however be expected. The tobacco monopoly profits increase rapidly; the new tariff to come into operation in October, will bring fresh funds. Then the nationalization of the railways, the new lines in Korea and Manchuria, the readjustment of taxation—now being considered by a special committee—and the proposed re-assessment of land will also bring an increase in revenue. But the benefits from these resources will not be felt for some years. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is ignoring facts to say no reasonable grounds exist for anxiety as to the future. On the other hand, the natural elasticity of the Japanese is sure to enable them to bear the burden of the new position. The best hope for a healthy increase of the revenue lies in the promising commercial outlook. The deposits in the banks were never higher, the shares of all the large companies stand far above their values at the same period last year, and the export trade for the first months of the year is greater than ever before. At the same time, the government is straining every nerve to help national industries,

and the business world is busy with schemes of development, of which the promotion of companies to trade in Korea, Manchuria and China, the amalgamation of small firms into large combinations, the expansion of shipping and the utilization of the rich water-power resources of the land are the leading features. The Japanese government also proposes to secure a loan of 80,000,000 yen for the taking over and development of the South Manchuria railway system. The capital of the company has been fixed at 200,000,000 yen of which the Japanese government supplies one-half in the shape of railway property and adjoining land including the disputed Fushun and Yantai collieries. The remaining 100,000,000 yen is open for subscription by Japanese and Chinese subjects and the Japanese government guarantees interest at the rate of six per cent, per annum. There is also to be a debenture issue amounting to 80,000,000 yen which it is said by Japanese papers Messrs. Harri-man and Schiff have already agreed to take up. The amount of interest which these debentures are to bear is not stated but it will be guaranteed by the Japanese government who will, if necessary, also guarantee the capital. These debentures are redeemable within twenty-five years of date of issue.

ADMIRAL'S OBSEQUES. Gibraltar, Sept. 18.—The American squadron arrived unexpectedly two days ahead of schedule time. Rear Admiral Brownson immediately landed a detachment to assist in the conveyance of the body of Rear Admiral Sir Edward Chichester on board the British battleship Formidable, which leaves here for England tonight. The body of the late Rear Admiral was conveyed on board the Formidable amidst the firing of salutes from the shore batteries and the British and American fleets. The ceremony was most impressive. Rear Admiral Brownson and a Spanish government gun boat followed the cortege.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS. September 12 to 18, 1906. Victoria Meteorological Office. The week opened with a continuance from the previous week of heavy rainfall in British Columbia and western Oregon and Washington, but due more especially to a sudden storm which made its appearance on the Vancouver island coast, causing fresh southerly gales on the straits and outside waters; this storm moved rapidly inland to the inter-mountain districts of the Pacific states, but the pressure remained low in this part of the province, and unsettled rainy weather prevailed on the 12th and the morning of the 14th; this was succeeded by a spell of fairer weather, which with higher barometric pressure rendered weather conditions in this district all that could be desired. On the 17th the high barometer rose and formed a vast area, covering the whole of this western part of the continent. Low pressure areas from the ocean developed on the northern coast and moved inland across the Rockies to the Eastern provinces, where on the 18th a disturbance of much energy occurred in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, accompanied with fresh northerly gales and heavy rainfall.

On the 17th a phenomenally heavy rain storm was reported from western Kansas in this province heavy rains fell in California and Utah throughout the whole period, while further north, in Atlin and Dawson, the precipitation has been only moderate. The range of temperature has been very large. Light to heavy local frosts occurred on both sides of the Rockies and on the 17th and 18th maximum temperatures reached 96 in the California valleys and 90 in Manitoba. The week closes with splendid weather prevailing generally throughout the Pacific slope and the adjoining Canadian provinces. At Victoria—There were registered 28 hours and 30 minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature 67.0, on the 12th; lowest 45.0, on the 15th; rain, .60 inch. At Vancouver—Highest 66.0, on the 15th; lowest 45.0, on the 15th; rain, 1.07 inches. At New Westminster—Highest 70.0, on the 15th; lowest 45.0, on the 15th; rain, 1.24 inches. At Kamloops—Highest 84.0, on the 15th; lowest 45.0, on the 15th; rain, 1.24 inches. At Port Simpson—Highest 58.0, on the 15th; lowest 43.0, on the 15th; rain, 1.34 inches. At Atlin—Highest 96.0, on the 16th; lowest 28.0, on the 16th; rain, 1.34 inches. At Dawson—Highest 68.0, on the 12th; lowest 20.0, on the 14th; rain, 1.15 inch.

The following is a summary of the weather for the month of August, 1906. Precipitation, inches. Victoria 5.35 New Westminster 5.85 Nanaimo 1.14 Kamloops 1.14 Rossland 1.14 Nelson 1.14 Alberni (Somers) 5.39 Winter Harbor 5.84 Tlaelich Island09 Stevenson50 Port Simpson 1.30 Barkerville 1.30 Goldstream 1.77 Coquitlam 1.32 Skeena Harbor 1.32 Hartley Bay 6.50 Salmon Arm21 Atlin14 Denman Island14

At Victoria—The total amount of bright sunshine registered was 286 hours and 42 minutes, the mean proportion for the month being 0.64. The highest temperature was 84.4, on the 15th; the 26th; lowest, 45.4, on the 15th; mean temperature, 62.25. The total amount of north registered on the electrical nomogram was 3,695, 3,695, direction as follows: North 343; northeast, 145; east, 85; southeast, 272; south, 1,533; southwest, 472; northwest, 25. Vancouver—Highest temperature 82.4, on the 11th; lowest 42.7, on the 17th; mean, 62.0. New Westminster—Highest temperature 81.5, on the 11th; lowest 45.5, on the 17th; mean, 62.76. Nanaimo—Highest temperature 85.9, on the 22nd; lowest 45.0, on the 24th; mean, 65.1; total amount of bright sunshine registered, 322 hours and 42 minutes. Kamloops—Highest temperature 96.0, on the 11th; lowest 46.0, on the 15th; mean, 69.5. Rossland—Highest temperature 6.0, on the 11th; lowest 48.0, on the 19th. Nelson—Highest temperature 90.0 on the 7th; lowest 44.0, on the 2nd, 6th and 20th; mean, 64.0. Alberni—Highest temperature 98.3, on the 26th; lowest 38.0, on the 17th; mean, 68.42. Winter Harbor—Highest temperature 78.0, on the 22nd and 23rd; lowest 45.0, on the 2nd. Tlaelich Island—Highest temperature 74.1, on the 28th and 27th; lowest 45.2, on the 14th. Stevenson—Highest temperature 82.0, on the 27th; lowest 44.3, on the 15th; mean, 65.2. Port Simpson—Highest temperature 79.5, on the 11th; lowest 40.0, on the 16th; mean, 60.3. Barkerville—Highest temperature 78.0, on the 6th and 10th; lowest 32.0, on the 16th, 18th and 21st; mean, 62.4. Goldstream—Highest temperature 66.4, on the 3rd; lowest 46.7, on the 19th; mean, 59.0. Vernon—Highest temperature 97.0, on the 11th; lowest 39.0, on the 16th, 17th and 21st; mean, 62.4. Rivers Inlet—Highest temperature 78.1, on the 21st; lowest 43.0, on the 3rd. Skeena Harbor—Highest temperature 83, on the 11th; lowest 42, on the 18th; mean, 68.84.

DEATH'S HARVEST WAS VERY GREAT HONGKONG HARBOUR STREWN WITH DEAD AND PROPERTY LOSS IS HEAVY TYPHOON'S RAVAGES CAUSE HAVOC Over a Thousand Natives Were Drowned—Bishop of Hongkong Among Missing

Manila, Sept. 19.—(3 p. m.)—Latest advices from Hongkong state that 1000 lives were lost during the typhoon, and that the damage to property, public and private, will amount to millions of dollars. Twelve ships were sunk, 24 were stranded, seven were damaged and one half of the native craft in port was sunk. The shipping trade has been paralyzed through lack of lighters. The storm was local. Most of the damage done was wrought on the Kowloon peninsula, where the loss is estimated at several million dollars. Over 1000 sampans and junks are missing from Hongkong alone. They were swept away from the harbor. The military barracks are in ruins. The steamers Montague, Fatahan, Heungshank, Ming Chai, Hermania, Castellano, Tak Hing, Emma Luyken, San Rosario, Elvira, Pakoon, Petraruch, Chang Lee, Sunon, Chang Sha, Signal, and Chikks are ashore. The American ship S. P. Hitchcock was also driven ashore, as were many of the smaller craft that run about the harbor. The steamers Kwong Chow, San Cheang, Sorogon and Kongdon were sunk. The steamers Apemard and Kohama are nearly ashore. The British reserve sloop Phoenix and a small gunboat, the Dongola, are ashore. The British torpedo boat destroyer Moorhous, Robert L. Taktis were damaged. The steamer William Jermos was sunk. The French torpedo boat destroyer Arline was wrecked, and the tug, Robert L. Taktis were damaged. The Chinese were damaged, and three reserve sloop Phoenix and a small gunboat, the Dongola, are ashore. The British torpedo boat destroyer Moorhous, Robert L. Taktis were damaged. The steamer William Jermos was sunk. The French torpedo boat destroyer Arline was wrecked, and the tug, Robert L. Taktis were damaged. The Chinese were damaged, and three reserve sloop Phoenix and a small gunboat, the Dongola, are ashore. The British torpedo boat destroyer Moorhous, Robert L. Taktis were damaged. The steamer William Jermos was sunk. The French torpedo boat destroyer Arline was wrecked, and the tug, Robert L. Taktis were damaged. The Chinese were damaged, and three reserve sloop Phoenix and a small gunboat, the Dongola, are ashore.

Strewn With Dead The harbor is strewn with wreckage thrown upon the shore. Hundreds of Chinese boatmen and sailors were saved by the bravery of the police and civilians, but several thousand of the Chinese water dwellers may have perished, many within short distance of the shore. Losses in lives and property among the Chinese are appalling. Today the police stations in Hongkong are surrounded by Chinese identifying their dead. The families of the Hongkong seamen, on both sides of the water, are in a state of panic. The Chinese take the disaster calmly and show no manifestation of grief. One launch that was capsized had 130 Chinese on board, all of whom were drowned. The river steamer Fatahan drifted into collision with a French mail steamer. The entire Chinese crew climbed aboard the French vessel and left Captain Thomson, who was injured, one officer and the engineer to navigate the Fatahan to shelter, but she was blown ashore.

Bishop Missing. The Bishop of Victoria, Dr. J. C. Hoare, was on his way to visit some neighboring islands when the storm broke and he reported missing. His launch has been found floating upward. Many valuable steel lighters have been lost, some of which were buried ashore. Channels will have to be dug to permit the vessels to be refloated. The force of the wind and waves were such that some vessels were landed at most high tide. The Japanese steamer Sanjo Maru rescued sixty-six natives and one English pilot, who was approaching Hongkong. The English mail steamers Delhi and Poona escaped damage. The British cruiser Terrible entered port yesterday and reported having reported fine weather up to the harbor. Sir Matthew Nathan, governor of Hongkong and the authorities are doing everything possible to vindictly assistance. Reports of fresh disasters are received every hour. Only a few Europeans are missing. No reports are on hand to show how the fishing fleet and the ships of the harbor are getting on. The opinion is increased at the observatory for reporting the approach of the typhoon. An inquiry has been demanded. For years past the observatory has been subjected to diverse comment but on this occasion it is not believed to be blameable.

WHERE WORK IS USELESS. The New Northwest Is Full of Everything Necessary For Life. Prince Albert, Sask., Sept. 19.—Many varied and rare articles of the Great North land of Saskatchewan, as seen by Mr. Alex. McBeth, of Colliston, who has just arrived home from a long trip through it. Mr. McBeth went to catch the steamer back to the province and left Prince Albert on June 26th, to count heads in that section. From Edmonton he took stage to Athabasca, and then by horse and canoe and two men to take him to Lake Athabasca. They ran all the rapids on the river and saw lots of game. Moose and bear are plentiful and geese, swans and ducks are abundant. The plentiful are geese that the hunter neglects the duck for them and bags of 150 to 200 birds a day are common. From Fort Chipewyan the party went across the lake to Fond Du Lac and were nearly swamped by a high wind while returning. The mission trip was taken by Mr. McBeth up the river to Fort McMurray. To catch the steamer back to the landing he had to take a three days' walk across a portage which is estimated variously at from 60 to 80 miles. For one hundred miles or so across the base runs through asphalt, of which there are mountains all the way from Grand Rapids 163 miles below the landing to Fort McMurray, sixty-five miles below Fort McMurray there is a strong odor of the pitch and in places black rivulets of it can be seen creeping down the mountain sides. There are indications of petroleum fourteen miles below Fort McMurray and boring is going on. For one hundred miles there are coal deposits which are being utilized locally. Mr. McBeth saw the gas well at Pelican Rapids,

which has been burning for eight years. The noise of gas being blown half a mile away, through an eight-inch pipe the gas shoots up in a flame of 15 to 20 feet and water comes boiling up with it. There is a spring below Grand Rapids where a kettle can be boiled easily and Mr. McBeth found several indications of gas. At Salt river, 15 miles from Fort McMurray, the gas is being mined and sold for 10 cents a pound. There are quite a number of settlers going into the Peace river country.

GOVERNMENT BUYING LAND For Settlement Purposes—The Old-Age Pension Scheme in Australia. Melbourne, Victoria, Sept. 19.—It is stated that the government proposes to purchase one million acres in the western district of Victoria for closer settlement. The house of representatives today passed a bill authorizing an amendment to the continuation for the payment of old age pensions from special customs duties.

FERRY FIREMEN ON STRIKE Put Many Thousands of Other Workers to Serious Inconvenience. New York, Sept. 19.—Sixty-four firemen employed by the New York and Brooklyn Ferry company went on strike at noon today and tied up seven ferry lines running from berths in Manhattan to Brooklyn and Green Point Brooklyn. Elzbeisen boats were rendered idle. Much inconvenience was caused to the usual afternoon traffic, the serious effect of the strike was felt in the evening rush hours when thousands of persons flocked to the ferry slips until the situation became serious. When the crowd learned that no boats were moving there was a stampede for the Williamsburg bridge and Long Island railroad ferries, while hundreds of loaded trucks turned away from the ferry bridge, choked the street leading to the ferries remaining in operation. It was stated that more people crossed the bridge during the two rush hours than at any time since its construction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. PROTECTING GAME AND A GUN TAX. Sir—I have been watching carefully the game reports from the different sections of the country, and am sorry to see that instead of the plenitude of grouse, the birds are scarce and the grouse is scarce. There have been various reasons advanced for this condition. The rainy season, the late start of the season, the rain at that time no doubt will work a hardship, especially with the unhardened birds. It is responsible for a high death rate among the chicks. The month of August is a special month, not given to leading her young on long tramps through wet ways, but carefully coddled and saved. It is a month when the birds are chilled. In this she differs from the mother pheasant. This is a much more casual parent, extending long legs at the expense of her offspring. Besides, if the wet were responsible for the small number of grouse, low happens that during July and August reports come from all over promising plenty of birds for the opening of the season. It is my opinion that the birds were disturbed and scattered nearly all over the country whereas the grouse, by being protected from one to five weeks before the season opened, are in a better position to stand up to a nearly sharp or small rise, and "cheep cheep" so that Mr. Pot-hunter will be able to get a "cheep cheep" being no longer needed, he yielded up the ghost of a body he possessed to the "cheep cheep" of the grouse. It would be well for us to admit this, even if it hurts. My sportsman knows that a few persons in a locality can wear it out, and have among the grouse by these methods. Where I was shooting at the first of the season I was very different. I had a large number of shooting five weeks before the season opened.

As a reason for the small bags at the beginning of the season was the "cheep cheep" of the grouse. This made it hard for the grouse to work. Now we have no control over the weather. It is reported that the grouse are now over the unlawful shooting out of season. If we ever expect to preserve the game we must have a more appointed as a special force throughout the country. Our provincial constables are of being to permit the grouse to be preserved. Their attention is taken up with their other numerous duties. Numerous persons are being prosecuted about illegal shooting, yet I know of no convictions in this neighborhood for a long time. The non-residents say that practically all following one of these comes around they find he is out after pigeons, and that they are appointed as a special force throughout the country. Our provincial constables are of being to permit the grouse to be preserved. Their attention is taken up with their other numerous duties. 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