

OPEN LETTER BY W. T. R. PRESTON CANADIAN COMMISSIONER MAKES POSITION CLEAR

He Explains That He is Interested in Promoting Trade Between Countries.

In a recent number of the Japan Advertiser, published in Yokohama, W. T. R. Preston, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Japan, addresses an open letter to A. I. Wolley, secretary of the Kobe foreign chamber of commerce...

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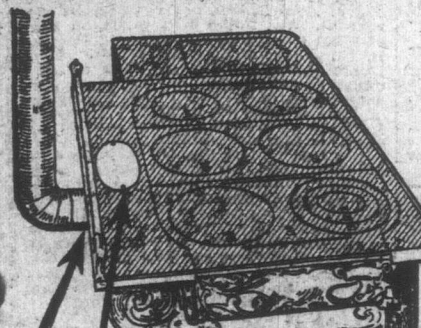
- 1. The fact that Canada had been making efforts for a considerable period to increase the volume of trade with Japan, and had not been altogether successful.

Dear Sir—My attention has been directed to a letter in the local press that was sent by you to members of the Kobe foreign chamber of commerce...

I have no hesitation in giving a distinct and unqualified denial to the charge which you have formulated about my views; and I have considered it better to address you in order that you may be prepared for a request which must inevitably be made...

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associated chambers of commerce in Tokyo a few weeks ago. I expressed an opinion about the desirability of the Canadian producers and the Japanese consumers being placed in communication with a view of encouraging direct trade between Canada and Japan.

The principal reasons that gave occasion for these suggestions were: 1. The fact that Canada had been making efforts for a considerable period to increase the volume of trade with Japan...

- 2. That during my residence in Japan I realized the anxiety of Japanese traders to do business direct, instead of through foreign commission houses.

These reasons forced me to the decision that the confidence reposed in me by the mercantile interests of Canada would be misplaced if I should permit the possibility of Canadian private enterprise being jeopardized by the extraordinary situation that was brought to my attention.

If conclusions of this nature have been reached after careful consideration notwithstanding the natural sympathy which I certainly entertain towards my own kith and kin, I think I can fairly claim that very strong reasons must have prompted this judgment.

Reasonable observers know that the inevitable effect of continuation of this unfriendly attitude on the part of the anti-Japanese foreign press of Japan will be of most serious character upon the business prospects of the foreign residents.

I shall have no reason to find fault with the publicity that has been forced upon me by the anti-Japanese foreign press of the East, during the last few weeks...

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business by continually criticizing and damning everything in the community. But certain foreigners expect their nationalities to succeed in Japan exactly upon that line of conduct, and express surprise when these reprehensible and unbusinesslike methods are questioned.

The danger of such a possibility cannot be regarded in the same light as that of a thick fog which obscures the most astute statesmen and financiers in the world...

Perhaps I may be permitted to say, that in maintaining a "considerable animosity" towards the foreign commercial community of Japan, my sentiments are more in the direction of profound regret at their lamentable lack of common sense...

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, W. T. R. PRESTON, Commissioner of Trade for Canada, A. I. Wolley, Esq., Foreign Chamber of Commerce, Kobe.

CRIME OF JEALOUSY. Lodging House Keeper Kills His Wife After Quarrel.

Greenville, Miss., Dec. 5.—After fatally shooting his wife yesterday, John Arden, a lodging house keeper, fired three revolver bullets into his head, inflicting wounds which, physicians stated, will probably prove fatal.

PETITION FILED IN NANAIMO ELECTION. Ralph Smith's Election Has Been Protested by Conservatives.

A petition has been filed with the registrar of the supreme court against the election of Ralph Smith, M. P., for the Dominion riding of Nanaimo.

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Conversation is a good form of exercise for those afflicted with heart disease.

HADDON HALL ARRIVES TO-DAY

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enter and practically everyone had his turn. When once they got clear they had a pleasant run north until about a fortnight ago, when they encountered two heavy gales about two hundred miles from Cape Flattery.

SALVED U. S. CRUISER SINKS AT ANCHORAGE

Warship Yankee, Floated From Reef, Meets With Worse Mishap.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 5.—The United States cruiser Yankee, which was floated yesterday after having been aground on a reef at the western entrance to Buzzard's Bay, several weeks ago, sank early to-day off Penikese Island.

The Yankee was proceeding under way to this city, accompanied by the naval collier Lebanon and two tugs. It was intended, as soon as the cruiser had been freed from the reef to tow her to New York, but a nasty south-east gale made such a plan impracticable and the cruiser and her convoys started for this port.

The sinking of the Yankee was the termination of an unfortunate cruise from Newport to the neighborhood of Martha's Vineyard to attend the submarine torpedo in their fall manoeuvres.

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Dislikes Diplomatic Ceremony So Will Settle Disputes in Person.

Bordeaux, Dec. 10.—President of Venezuela, disembarked here from the French steamer Guadon which he sailed from La Guayana November 20th. The landing president and his party was without incident.

A representative of Foreign Minister Pichon boarded the steamer after an interview with President and his party came up to Bordeaux on a private car. The president greeted at the railway station the Venezuelan colony. The party then entered into autos and were driven to the landing of Castro at the Guadon.

When one of his aides was asked of the reported revolutionary situation under Generalis Rolando G. Gomez, he said he was not in possession of organization at Curaçao, officer smiled and declared that he left matters in the hands of the acting President Gomez.

Paris, Dec. 10.—The French government apparently has resumed attitude towards President Foreign Minister Pichon was with the question of his presence with the morning statement probably will be in the day.

Milton, Ont., Dec. 10.—Thorton Crozier pleaded guilty to a charge of robbing Judge Magee's residence here yesterday for the trial on charges of counterfeiting was sentenced, the fatherly son in Kingston penitentiary the son to one year in the prison. Six weeks ago Thorton was sentenced to nine years penitentiary and Milton Crozier years. These sentences were on a technicality and are granted.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 10.—In the trial of Abe Ruef, on charges of having bribed Supervisor Forster of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to head trolley franchise, was sentenced to one year in the prison. The best opinion is that the jury was guilty and that the judge was not. Juror Murphy frankly admitted that he had listened to the testimony and that he believed the evidence of an accomplice. The jury, however, relies to secure the conviction that given by the supervisory.