

JAPANESE QUESTION IS THING OF PAST

R. L. Drury, on Arrival Home from Orient, Says Matter of Immigration into this Country Is Settled for All Time.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

R. L. Drury, who for the last six months has been in Japan for the purpose of supervising the arrangements necessitated by the Lemieux agreement regarding Japanese immigration into Canada, returned yesterday afternoon, via Seattle, arriving there on the big Hill liner, Minnesota.

Mr. Drury was interviewed by a Times representative this morning with regard to his mission and gave some very interesting information upon the important subject to which he has been devoting his attention for the last half year.

"I believe," he said, "the Japanese immigration question is now reduced to a satisfactory basis, and I have every confidence that Japan will faithfully observe the terms of the agreement. I must say that the various proposals made by me and formally presented through the British ambassador to the Japanese foreign office were met in a most friendly spirit by the Japanese authorities, and through them have manifested a desire to be fair and reasonable."

"For example, I proposed that the Japanese foreign office should furnish us with monthly statements of the Japanese going from Japan to Canada, and showing the occupations and other descriptions of the various classes of emigrants. They acceded to this request, and are now sending us these returns every month. We have our own Canadian immigration officials who keep a complete list of arrivals from Japan, and if the terms of the agreement should be violated, the Japanese government would be involved in self-condemnation by their own returns."

No further trouble.

"There were some misunderstandings that required clearing away, but the methods and system put into operation both in Japan and at the ports of entry in Canada are such, I believe, as will work satisfactorily, and there will be no further cause of complaint about Japanese immigration into Canada."

"Of course, there are some people who will be satisfied with nothing less than total exclusion of Japanese, but look at Australia, which is held up as a shining example in this respect. Australia indeed has enacted very drastic exclusion legislation, but nevertheless, that same Australian government has relaxed these laws in favor of Japanese students, merchants and travellers."

"As far as our own people in British Columbia or Canada are concerned, every class of Japanese labor is now completely shut off, and cannot enter Canada without the express consent of the Dominion government. Surely it is better to have arrived at this result by means of diplomatic negotiations than by abrogating the treaty with Japan and passing hostile legislation, as has been suggested. There are, as is well understood, imperial considerations involved in this question that cannot be ignored. But leaving aside entirely all imperialistic considerations and looking at it purely and solely from a Canadian standpoint, why should Canada suddenly throw away her opportunities of sharing in the expansion of Oriental trade and the growing commerce of the Pacific? Japan's Wonderful Progress."

"Japan has made wonderful progress in the last 30 years. The successful system in which the feudal system, as existed in England and France, was replaced by a well ordered form of constitutional government, and the rise of the nation as a naval and military power show very forcibly how marvellously well these people can accommodate themselves to new institutions and new conditions."

"The next twenty years will witness a marked advance in a revolution which has already begun in the domestic life of Japan that will mean a large consumption of cereal products such as Canada has to sell. Then Japan is importing large quantities of pulp chiefly from Sweden and Norway. British Columbia has magnificent pulp forests five thousands miles nearer at hand. Japan is also importing large quantities of hides from Argentina, which come all the way through the Suez canal."

"Western Canada will have increasing quantities of hides to sell, and they ought easily to capture the markets of Japan, being four or five thousand miles nearer. Lead is another article that is largely imported into Japan, while there will be a constantly increasing demand for lumber, Canada possesses these things in abundance, and what is more she has geographical advantages over all competitors in the world over. To needlessly close the door against these natural opportunities for trade expansion would be nothing less than a species of commercial suicide."

Natural Act

"What effect would a Natal Act have upon immigration from Japan?"

"Such an act at the present time would be of very doubtful value as a means of keeping out the Japanese, while it is safe to say that in a comparatively short time it would be practically useless for that purpose. I visited the schools in Japan, and enquired into educational facilities, and found that English is being taught to all the pupils at all the middle schools and high schools, and most of the primary schools, and as fast as suitable teachers can be found it is being extended to all the primary schools. It will, therefore, be seen that such an act in the last analysis of the case would prove wholly ineffectual as a means of solving this question."

"You say that certain changes are being made in the departmental regula-

tions, both in Canada and Japan, with a view to ensuring the proper observance of the agreement?"

"Yes," Mr. Drury replied, "these are now being arranged and the whole system of passports is being revised."

"Will it be necessary for you to return to Japan in this connection?"

"I don't think so. I cannot anticipate that anything will arise to necessitate a further trip to Japan at present. When my final report reaches the government I think everything will be arranged by correspondence through the British ambassador, Sir Claude Macdonald. However, the fact of the Japanese government complying with my request to furnish monthly returns giving a classified list of emigrants for Canada makes it practically impossible for them to do anything else than observe the agreement. Otherwise they would stand self-condemned."

Business Depression.

"How are business conditions in Japan?"

"There is a prevailing financial and business depression in Japan which is very keenly felt by all classes. There seems to be a very general disposition among the Japanese people to attribute the hard times to the late war. Over and over again I hear the Japanese say, 'War is a bad thing.' It is in one sense a blessing in disguise, because it has brought the people to realize that the foundations of national prosperity cannot rest upon a policy of militarism merely, and the eyes of Japan are now turned to a policy of economic and industrial development. This is the dominant feeling in Japanese business circles, and it is in fact largely responsible for recent changes in the cabinet, with the accompanying announcement of retrenchment in the naval and military expenditures."

Mr. Drury is glad to be back again, and says that Victoria to him is still the most charming spot on earth, although he was not a little attracted by some of the beautiful scenic spots of Japan.

RELIEF WORK WAS SPLENDID

DESTRUCTION OF FERNIE DEVELOPS HEROES

C. P. R. Official Tells of Conditions in Razed City.

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—F. W. Peters, assistant to Wm. Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R., arrived here yesterday from a trip to Fernie; B. C. in connection with the recent disaster there.

Mr. Peters said that the facts as reported in the newspapers were not in all respects exaggerated. Never in all his life had he witnessed such a scene of destruction.

"Out of a population of six thousand souls, there are 125 people left with homes standing. All the others have no shelter except for the tents that have been supplied, and a few small shacks that are being rapidly rushed up. The relief work was splendid, and all are working with tremendous energy. Everyone, from miners to clerks, have spent all their time in relieving the sufferers, and now the people are beginning to forget their trouble."

"The beauty of the whole thing, however," Mr. Peters continued, "is that there has not been a single case of intemperance since the fire. The men there do not admit liquor at all and so there is no need of it. There was a large consignment on the way, but the consignee does not want it delivered until after the town is in a settled condition and conditions are once again proper."

"Apart from the liquor there is no lawlessness, not a theft or a breach of the law having been reported. The police are well organized, and are using a tent for the station. Cells are not required, as there are no prisoners to use them."

"The people are all being well fed, and there is no fear of shortage of food. Among the towns which helped greatly Cranbrook comes first, but it is hard to discriminate. Cranbrook has worked incessantly to help the people, and has given unsparingly of time and money that they might not suffer."

"Talking of the rescue work, Mr. Peters related a story of heroism of the engineer of the first train that went out."

"All the women and children in the town that could be found were put into the train of box cars that was gathered from the yards. The signal was given, and the train started, and it was remembered that his own wife and child were perhaps in great need. He ran round the train shouting her name, but got no response. Finding that his search was unavailing he sadly gave up, desisting, that he must save those who were in the train, and pulled out, leaving his own wife and child behind."

The difficulties of running trains on a road of twisted rails were also explained by Mr. Peters, who was pleased to say that the company had been able to run five train loads of people to safety. Regarding the company's loss, Mr. Peters stated he could not make an estimate, but doubted if the estimate of \$500,000 already made would cover it.

In conclusion, Mr. Peters said that the day of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company was on August 12, and that day about \$100,000 worth was paid out. This money would, he thought, buy food for the majority, and after that day supplies would have to be purchased for them.

SONS OF ENGLAND

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 12.—The biennial convention of the Sons of England Society was held here yesterday afternoon. The general purpose committee decided to hold the next biennial convention at Halifax.

BLOODHOUNDS TO RUN NEGROES TO EARTH

Populace of Virginia Town Are Frenzied Over Dastardly Crimes.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 12.—A posse of Portsmouth city and Norfolk county officers and fifty citizens are scouring the country near Portsmouth with bloodhounds for a negro who attacked Mrs. Katherine Powell, aged 75 years, in her Prentiss Place home with a knife yesterday, and after overpowering the defenseless woman, assaulted her by being her in a serious condition. This is the second time in two weeks that the aged woman has been similarly assaulted by a negro. The feeling is intense.

W. S. Winderger yesterday by a negro named Strong, Portsmouth is thronged with armed whites, and should Winderger's slayer be caught, lynching may be attempted.

The authorities are confident that with the assistance of the military company that they will be able to control the situation and prevent a lynching. Hundreds of negroes, frightened by the demonstrations on the streets last night, have fled the city. Order is being maintained.

Three companies of state troops are quartered here by order of Governor Swanson, to be in readiness for a call for assistance from Portsmouth, opposite this city, on the Elizabeth river, where great excitement prevails over the killing of Policeman W. S. Winderger by a negro named Strong. Four negroes have been arrested by the Portsmouth police in connection with the murder and are held for identification. At midnight, following the orders of Governor Swanson, the two Portsmouth military companies began to assist the police in patrolling the streets, and preventing the assembling of crowds. A strong guard has been thrown around the jail, and every effort will be made to thwart an attempt at lynching, which might follow upon the identification of any of the four suspects as Strong. Following close upon the brutal assault of Mrs. Catherine Powell by an unknown negro, the killing of Winderger threw an already excited populace into a state of frenzy.

MILLIONAIRE MINER

Kingdon, Gould Serving Apprenticeship in Mexican Pits.

Mexico City, Aug. 12.—Kingdon Gould, son of Geo. J. Gould, and heir to millions, will work in the mines of Guanajuato for the next month as a common miner, learning the practical rudiments of mining and learning to set his blast, so as to get the most out of a charge of explosives. All his work will be done under the instruction and supervision of Professor Kemp, instructor of geology of the Columbia university, where young Gould has been studying mining engineering for the past two years. He worked his first shift yesterday.

BOYS BADLY INJURED

St. John, N. B., Aug. 12.—While a crowd was watching the replating of a boiler engine at the Union station yesterday, the boiler connected with the engine drew the pin out of the tender. It struck Murray Hains, 15 years old, on the head, crushing his skull, and struck Robert Cream, another boy in the crowd, inflicting terrible injuries. It hit an unknown man on the jaw. Both the boys were taken to the hospital, where they will probably die.

CHARGED WITH DEBRAUDING CUSTOMS

(Special to the Times.)

Montreal, Aug. 12.—The Attorney General has entered action against the C. P. R. for \$250,000, alleging fraudulent misrepresentation of the value of goods entered through the customs.

TREBLEFOLD CRIME

Demented Man Shoots Wife and Daughter and Then Suicide.

Loveland, Ohio, Aug. 12.—Levi Fannan, 73 years old, shot and fatally injured his wife, Margaret, 53 years old, severely injured his 15-year-old daughter, Emma, and then ended his own life at their home in Deltsburg, near here, late yesterday. The shooting followed a quarrel with his wife.

YOUNG BOY DROWNS

Richmond Hill, Ont., Aug. 12.—Cecil Herron, 14 years of age, residing at 287 Farley avenue, Toronto, was drowned while bathing in Baylis' pond yesterday afternoon.

SUBERIC COLLIDES WITH NUMANTIA

Cable dispatches from Shimonoeki, Japan, state that the steamship Suveric, operated by Frank Waterhouse in the line between Manila, Victoria, and Puget Sound, has been in collision with the German steamship Numantia and that both vessels have put back to the port of Victoria in a damaged condition. The Suveric was bound to this port when the accident occurred.

CROP WILL AVERAGE OVER TWENTY BUSHELS

Good Cultivation Has Successfully Resisted Ill Effects From Drought.

Winnipeg, Aug. 12.—Reports received from various country points indicate that where cultivation has been good and the land heavy the spring wheat crop has successfully resisted the effects of the prolonged drought, and that the crop will be heavy, averaging well over twenty bushels, while cutting will be general in a week to ten days.

On light lands, however, the drought has left its mark, and stout straw, with attenuated ears, is the result of the lack of moisture. The same thing applies to heavy lands where cultivation has been poor and slovenly, being thus wasteful of moisture in the ground.

Land so affected will be sure to pull down the general average, but as no rust or smut has made its appearance, there is a good prospect that the crop, as a whole, will turn out rather above than below the average of the past decade.

KING MAY HONOR PAPAL LEGATE

Announcement Raises Protest From Council of Protestant Alliance.

London, Aug. 12.—The council of the Protestant Alliance, that raised such a storm in parliament and elsewhere at the time King Edward visited the Pope, is again agitated over the announcement that His Majesty intends ceremoniously to give audience to the Papal Legate, Cardinal Yaninelli, at the forthcoming Eucharistic congress in London.

The Alliance has sent a memorial to Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, calling attention to this projected violation of the Protestant constitution of the United Kingdom, and urging that steps at once be taken to prevent the King from paying this compliment to the Catholic prelates of Europe and America who are coming to attend the congress.

Sir Edward has done nothing more than formally acknowledge the receipt of the memorial.

TWO ROOF FATALITIES

Sydney, N. S., Aug. 12.—John Lee and Joseph McDonald were killed yesterday at Dominion No. 2 Colliery of the Dominion Coal Company, by falling off a roof upon which they were working.

FATALITY ON STEAMER

Owen Sound, Aug. 12.—Thos. Hyslop was killed through falling into the hold while unloading a steamer here.

FATAL TENEMENT BLAZE IN NEW YORK

New York, N. Y., Aug. 10.—Four children of one family dead and ten persons seriously burned or injured, is the record of a fire that early to-day swept through a crowded tenement in East 112th street. Scores were carried down ladders from the blazing building by firemen.

IS JAP ARMY ON DOWN GRADE?

STORM OF CRITICISM IN TOKYO PAPERS

Tokyo, Aug. 12.—A storm of criticism has arisen in the leading newspapers on the Japanese army. The editors charge that since the war, the officers have become demoralized by extravagant living and corruption. They suggest the nation is spending immense sums on the army which perhaps would prove worthless in a crisis.

WANT GOVERNMENT TO MEDIATE

(Special to the Times.)

North Bay, Aug. 12.—A mass meeting of citizens is being held here to ask the government to step into the breach and bring the C.P.R. company and the striking mechanics together.

BLACK SHADOW STILL LINGERS

Lisbon, Aug. 12.—The insistent rumors that the revolutionary propaganda is taking a firmer grip in this country and needs only a master hand to bring about a crisis, is given an importance by the discovery that recently there has been heavy smuggling into the country of arms and bombs. The government's efforts to locate the whereabouts of the contraband have been largely unsuccessful, though yesterday's raids brought to light 100 revolvers and rifles in a house in the suburbs of Lisbon. As a suspicious packing case arrived from Barcelona and was opened outside of Lisbon, it was found to be filled with bombs. The declaration is made that many similar cases which reached here previously have been successfully brought into the town.

PORTUGAL NOT YET FREE FROM REVOLUTION

The Secula has created a sensation by claiming that the anarchists who recently have been arrested in Portugal belong to an important secret society, whose headquarters is in New York, and which has branches in the leading European cities. It is known in Portugal as the "Black Cross Society" and it is believed the Regicides Buiska and Costa, who were killed at the time of the assassination of King Carlos and Crown Prince Phillippe and many other persons who fled after the deed, and for whose arrest orders have been sent to Paris, London and New York.

ARMY SMUGGLED INTO COUNTRY

Conspiracy Hatching in New York.

St. John, N. B., Aug. 12.—The city of St. John has decided to grant \$500 to the Fernie relief fund, and the appointment of the mayor of Fernie to draw for \$500 more, if needed.

AUDIENCE WITH POPE

Rome, Aug. 12.—Monsignor Farley, archbishop of New York, was received in a private farewell audience by the Pope to-day.

DID NOT INVESTIGATE ARMENIAN MASSACRES

Retiring Turkish Minister at Washington Clears His Father of Blame.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Mohammed Ali Bey, the Turkish minister to the U. S., yesterday admitted that he had received a message from his government recalling him, from his post here. His recall did not come as a great surprise to the minister, as in view of the changed conditions in Turkey he was to be expected.

Mundji Bey, consul-general of Turkey in New York, has been appointed charge d'affaires here, pending the arrival of a new minister from Turkey, and is expected to arrive here to-day.

It is significant that the recall of Mohammed Ali Bey, and the appointment of Mundji Bey as charge d'affaires follow close upon the heels of an attack made upon Izzet Pasha, father of the retiring minister, by the latter, Mohammed Bey yesterday authorized the Associated Press to make a general denial to these charges, laying particular stress upon the accusation that he was involved in the Armenian massacres.

"Izzet Pasha was not the instigator of the Armenian massacres," he said through his interpreter, "and could not have been, for at the time of the massacres he was not in a political position, being president of the commercial tribunal, an organization which included in its membership Europeans and Turks." When Izzet Pasha received that position after six years, in order to enter the council of the Sultan, his retirement was hailed with regret by the members of the tribunal.

If he had been a 'graffer,' as has been declared, he would not have been held in such high esteem."

ROOSEVELT SENDS MESSAGE

Auckland, Aug. 12.—The governor of New Zealand, Lord Plunkett, has received a message from President Roosevelt. The contents of the message have not been published.

FRIGHTFUL INJURIES

Norwood, Ont., Aug. 12.—While tampering down a charge of dynamite yesterday afternoon, Ernest Haig and Wm. MacDougall were probably fatally injured. The dynamite exploded and both men received frightful injuries.

SUSPENDER SUICIDE

Prisoner Hangs Himself in Unique Manner.

New York, Aug. 12.—During the change of guards in the early morning shift to-day, William Schenski, held on a charge of murder, committed suicide in his cell in the Raymond street jail in Brooklyn by hanging himself from the bars by his suspenders. The man had protested his innocence, but of late he became despondent. He watched his chance to end his life, and when the keeper left the corridor for a few minutes, Schenski swiftly tied his suspenders to the bar above the door leading into his cell, climbed upon a stool, placed the other end of his suspenders around his neck, and jumped off.

WITH DEADLY INTENT

Truro, N. S., Aug. 12.—Hannah Wright is dead from carbolic acid poisoning. The acid is supposed to have been taken with suicidal intent.

MATCHES CAUSE OF TRAGEDY

Montreal, Aug. 12.—A quantity of powder stored in the wholesale hardware store of the Letang company, St. Paul street, exploded yesterday afternoon, blowing off the roof of the building and setting fire to the premises. The flames were soon extinguished by the firemen, Jack Letourneau, a clerk, employed by the firm, had his hands blown off and was otherwise seriously injured, and died in the hospital last evening. He retained consciousness and stated that the explosion was caused by matches in his pocket igniting and a spark dropping on to the powder.

POST FOR HON. MR. MONTEITH

Toronto, Aug. 12.—It was stated unofficially at the parliament buildings yesterday that Hon. Nelson Monteith, minister of agriculture, would be made agent-general for Ontario in London, Eng.

FROM FAR-OFF ST. JOHN

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THE EARL OF DUDLEY.

The new governor-general of Australia is only forty-two years of age, and is one of the most travelled members of the British house of peers. Although still a comparatively young man he has already been lord-lieutenant of Ireland and acted for some time as parliamentary secretary to the house of trade—the British government department of trade and commerce. He owns some 20,000 acres of land in England, including some considerable mines and large iron works. He also owns estates in Jamaica. Lord Dudley has the right of presentation of thirteen Anglican clergymen to rectories, each with a good fixed income attached from tithes and endowments. Although he is only the second Earl Dudley of the present title, the first grant of the title was made in 1827. He is one of the small body of big English landowners who have made a hobby of municipal politics, and was for some years mayor of Dudley in Staffordshire. He is president of the Ranelagh club, and greatly interested in polo.

Earl Dudley is now on his way across the continent to Victoria, and on his arrival here he will embark on the S.S. Aorangi for Australia.

BETTER SALMON PACK

Fraser River Catch Will Exceed That of Last Year.

Vancouver, Aug. 11.—Indications point to a much more successful salmon season this year than in 1907, as the sockeye pack to date on the Fraser river fully equals the total pack of last year, and there are fourteen days to run. The Skeena river pack is rather better than last year, but Rivers Inlet has only a two-thirds pack. Outside canneries are about the same.

The Sound reported 18,000 cases up to Saturday noon, which is considerably better than last year.

The trap owners on the Sound express the opinion that the sockeye run is about over, as the traps on Friday and Saturday showed a great falling off.

Bellingham got 4,500 fish; 1,500 from the salmon banks and 3,000 from Lummi. It was too rough to fish on the Gulf. The seiners did not get anything.

Anascootes got 8,000 of Friday's fish from the Gulf on Saturday; 2,000 were secured at Lopez; the seiners did not get any, as the weather was too rough.

Imperial got about 8,000 on Saturday from all sources at Brunswick, camp boats did not do very well, only getting about 2,000; average 35.

St. Mungo got about 6,000; average about 60. No boats came in yesterday morning.

Vancouver got about 7,000 fish on Saturday; average about 70. British America only got 3,500 fish on Saturday; average 54. A few boats in from up river yesterday morning but averaged about 15.

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TERMINAL PRINCIPLE

FINAL SETTLEMENT MADE OF

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