

SHRINE IN HONOR OF LATE EMPEROR

Labor of Six Years in Tokio Completed

Impressive Shinto Ceremony at Opening—Coins Raised on Steps of Temple by Throng of Worshippers.

Tokio, Nov. 2.—(Associated Press by mail)—After six years of labor and an expenditure estimated at \$10,000,000, the national shrine to the late Emperor Meiji was opened yesterday with solemn Shinto ceremonies and amid impressive manifestations of loyalty. For three days the populace of Tokio celebrated the occasion. Every street was decorated with hunting and from the humblest door lanterns were displayed at night. The municipality gave a flower show and open-air performances and theatrical performances in Hibuya Park, but for the most part the festivities were co-operatively organized by the citizens in various wards. At hundreds of central points stages had been erected where vaudeville shows were given and there were fire works both night and day. More than

250,000 persons from the country districts visited the city during the festival. The shrine is a typical Shinto building of plain wood and of the simplest possible construction. The opening ceremony was attended by more than 2,000 priests and officials and lasted about three hours. The central feature was the delivery, to Prince Ichijo, warrior of the shrine, of the name tablets of the late emperor and their installation in the inner sanctuary. Prince Kujō, a relative of the emperor, delivered a commemorative oration to which Prince Ichijo replied. The shrine was thereafter opened to the public and at least 500,000 people worshipped before it during the remainder of the day. The scene where these multitudes of people were paying their respects to the memory of the dead Emperor was impressive. The main entrance to the shrine is by means of a new and very broad road about two miles in length. Along this road all the day and evening two great strings of people poured, one going to the shrine, the other returning. The whole of this roadway was brilliantly lighted and decorated with flags

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and ornamental lanterns. But once the torch at the entrance to the shrine had been passed a great change came over the scene. The modern world was left behind, the gold and red ornamentation ceased and the rest of the way was made under the shade of gigantic pine trees which might have been part of the virgin forests of old Japan. Pilgrims were admitted in groups of about 200. Their journey ended in a small paved courtyard closed with a low wall. The shrine, a low, severely plain building was opposite the gateway and the dim light of two large paper lanterns about a dozen white-robed priests were seen moving slowly back and forth within the doorway. They were sweeping up the coins that rained continually on the steps of the shrine. Not a sound could be heard except the light hand clapping of the worshippers calling on the enshrined spirit of the emperor. No human voice was heard. There was not even an audible prayer; in complete silence the multitude paid their respects to the spirit of Meiji and passed on.

On the two following days the shrine was again visited by hundreds of thousands and the proceedings were enlightened by wrestling and other public entertainments near the shrine. The crown prince on behalf of the emperor worshipped at the shrine on the second day. It is intended to associate the young men of Japan, especially with the Meiji shrine. A huge stadium will be built in the grounds of the shrine and it is expected that the principal athletic events of Japan will be contested there in future.

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WON HEARTS OF GREEK PEOPLE

Devotion of Wife to Late King Alexander

Courts Decide She Shall Inherit Personal Estate of Former Ruler in Greece—A Royal Romance.

Athens, Nov. 20.—(A. P. by Mail)—The devotion shown by Mme. Aspasia Manos, wife of the late King Alexander of Greece, to him during his fatal illness resulting from the bite of a monkey, has created so profound an impression upon the Greeks that even those who heretofore had spared no effort to separate her from the king, have today nothing but good to say about her. For four weeks during which the king fought for life against blood poison, his wife obtained no rest except when exhaustion compelled her to take a little sleep. The ordeal she underwent was all the more trying because of her own state of health, since she is to become a mother.

Heretofore King Alexander's marriage had not been considered in some governmental quarters to be valid because it had been solemnized secretly and without the fulfillment of certain formalities. Since the death of the king, the government has been so moved by the devotion of his widow that it has discovered a law by virtue of which Mme. Manos is recognized as having been the king's legal wife.

This was regarded here as excluding the possibility of raising difficulties in connection with her inheritance of the late king's personal estate. It is also understood that the government will lay a bill before the next parliament for the payment of a pension to Mme. Manos. All this has made her an interesting figure in the tragedy enacted at the Tsakaloff Chateau where the king and his wife led the happiest of lives until the terrible mishap cut short the life of the monarch. Their romance has been one of the most fascinating stories of royal life in Europe for years.

Aspasia Manos belonged to the Greek Phanariote aristocracy but was not of royal blood. She was a beautiful girl and the young prince fell in love with her. When King Constantine abdicated and Alexander was called to the throne, he laid down as a condition of acceptance that he should be allowed to marry the girl whom he had pledged his word. The government appeared to respect the Prince's sentiments but has been charged with having endeavored by every means to bring about a rupture between the two and even going to the extent of expelling her from Greece after the king had secretly married her.

King Alexander, however, never brought his bride back to Greece but insisted and obtained permission for her to live in the royal palace. An anonymous situation caused but the king was quite happy and little did he worry about what the people thought or said about his wife.

Since the death of King Alexander the Greek courts have decided in favor of his marriage to Mme. Manos, dismissed the opposition of the former King Constantine and ruled that she shall inherit Alexander's personal property, which had been claimed by Constantine. The high courts also decided that her expected child will become the heir to Alexander's estate.

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WAGE CUTS AND HUMAN NATURE
(New York Evening Post.)
A wage reduction of 22 1/2 per cent, affecting some 300,000 workers in New England textile mills, forecast in a statement of the Boston conference of manufacturers, is only one specially striking instance of a general tendency. Reports of wage cuts or substitute measures to reduce expenditures for labor have been coming in from widely scattered centres. In some cases curtailment has taken the form of a shortened working day or a reduced weekly operating schedule. Behind these expedients, however, there has been the understood and usually expressed intention to scale down labor costs for the future.

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