AMERICA CLASPS HANDS WITH JAPAN

United States and Japan Are at the Fork in the Road

After Ten Years of Increasing Estrangement Between Uncle Sam and His Once Previous Apprentice, a Jap Mission Comes to Present Greatest Question of the Age.

Washington, July 25.—Various war missions having come to us from Europe, now out of the East comes a peace mission from Japan. The others came to induct us into war. This embassy comes to talk over the wars and means of averting another war.

Although the true interests of Japan and the United States are not in conflict, unhappily the two countries are bristling toward each other with prejudices and suspicions. It is full time that the backs of both were stroked the right way.

It is emough to provoke the silent dots of Matthew Calbruith Perry that the nation which he awakened from a sleep of centuries should now be the favorite bugbear of so many Americans. If the dead could but speak, what an outburst of briny exclamations we should hear from that from down at Newport! Perhaps it would be well-anyhow for the diplomats of the two governments to make a pligimage to it and invite the spirit of the Commodore to preside over their negotiations.

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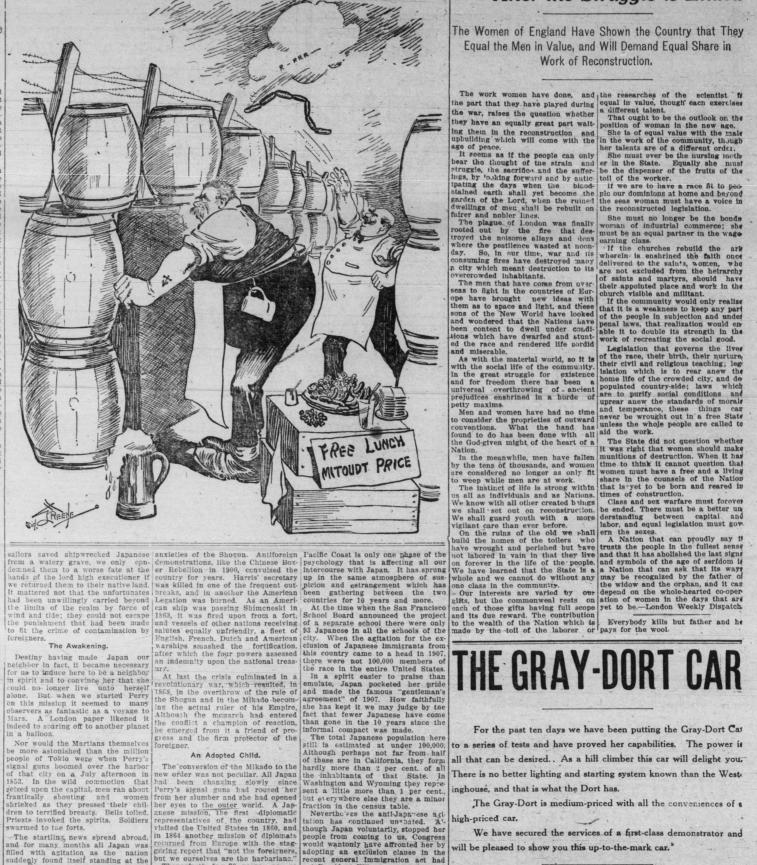
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For both nations need to keep in mind that there is an unbreakable link between them such as hinds to gether no other pair in all this family of States. Nor is it merely a sentimental tie such as statesmen pooh pooh. If Uncle Sam was the god after and mentor of Japan, he claims to debt of gratitude, because the god child and pupil long ago fepaid him and overpaid him in the credit it has reflected upon its sponsor, and tutor. That account is squared; but let it never be closed in the ledger of memory.

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Although there is no voyale in history more fomantic, when Perry hoisted the anchor of the Mississippi in Hampton Roads in 1852 and sailed

THE TRENCHES OF HOBOKEN



lilled with agitation as the nation and early found itself standing at the erge of a strange world. "To be or to to be," to go in or to stay out was the problem that puzzled the wisest leads. And the momentous question was submitted to a referendum, the first strange referendum, the rincipal dignitaries voted almost unnimously for resistance, and prepardness became the order of the day. Forts sprang up along the coast; emple bells were cast into cannon, and 300,000 patriots poured into Tokio or the defence of the city.

Nevertheless when Perry returned or his answer in 1854, the Prime Minster reconsidered the matter and several medians of the defence of the desired or the defence of the city.

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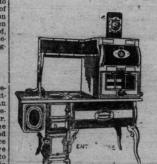
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