

quarters concerning the affairs of China and Japan it is said that the old ill-feeling between the two countries, dating long before the war and made more acute by that struggle, recently has been obliterated by sev-eral graceful and significant convtesies.exchanged between the emperor of China and the emperor of Japan. The latter was the

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first to extend the olive branch by conferring on the emperor of China the decoration of the highest order in Japan. This was recently the emperor of China has returned the compliment by decorating the emperor of Japan with the highest order of China similar spirit was shown on the death of the field marshal of the Japanese army, a short time ago. Although he had been active in the war with China, one of the strongest tributes paid him at the time of his death came from officials high in the Chinese service. Another recent mark of restored good feeling is the sending of many Chinese students to Japan for modern educations. These number about 100 and include the son of Viceroy Chang of Human, the rival of Li Hung Chang. This era of good feeling in the orient was referred to at the legations here in connection with reports from Pekin as t the visit of the Japanese admiral and squadron and the probable consummation of the Japanese-China treaty. While the officials here have no direct information, they say the treaty report doubtless grows out of recent talk of an offensive and defensive alliance between China- and Japan. This alli ance seemed imminent at one time, but i is said that Japan no longer considers it opportune and that it would not be concluded in the present aspect of international



# JAPAN AND RUSSIA ARE FRIENDLY

Rumor that Powers Will Come t lows Over Corea Discredited

WASHINGTON, July 27 .- The reports that Japan and Russia are arming for a struggle over Corea are received with much allowance in the diplomatic quarters, chiefly concerned, and it is pointed out that the entente cordiale was arranged between the two countries last year concerning affairs in Corea. This arrangement is still in force and there has been no evidence that either government desired to depart from it. It is in the form of a protocol, dated at Tokio, April 25, 1898, and is signed by Baron Rosen. Russian minister to Japan, and Baron Nissi, plenipotentiary for Japan.

This protocol is said to have brought about a satisfactory condition of affairs in Corea and of late no word has reached the officials here that the former strained relations between Russia and Japan had been renewed. It is recognized in diplomatic quarters on both sides that each government has a deep interest in Corea and that neither is likely to submit to any move contrary to the above protocol which may bring in question the sovereignty of Corea.

survey reports the total production of coke in 1898 as 16,047,209 short tons, with a value of \$25,586,699. This was more than 20 per cent in excess of any previous year in the history of the industry, 21 per cent more than in 1897 and nearly 90 per cent more than that of 1888 and five times greater than the 1880 output, the first recorded.

Designs for New Justice Building. WASHINGTON, July 27 .- Of the ten designs submitted by leading architects of the country for a new Department of Justice building, three have been selected for further examination and the remaining seven have been rejected. The 'successful architects so far are George B. Post, Warren &

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