JAPAN AND UNITED STATES

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INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM FOR PHILIPPINES

Agricultural Products of the Colonies to De Manufactured in Japan and Sold on the

Continent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 - (Special Correprior to my departure from Japan while might warrant Japan in making arrangereturn to the United States. Baron Ro- bacco would have a practical monopoly in mura, being president of the Hatvard #88> Japan and through it would become the ciation of Japan, has a warm spot in his cobacco of China. This would develop the the friendliness of the interview was increased by the fact that we had sat side induced to settle in those islands for its by side at a Loyal Legion annual banquet in Washington while he was m.nister to the United States, Although these interviews, which occurred at his official residence in Tokio, were entirely unofficial, the last one was none the less remarkable because of the great demand upon his time between his country and Russ.a. While of luded to, yet where they had bearing upon in future to occupy in the Orient, he did constantly increasing home market; is as it did after a talk with Baron Kineko, the shipping trude between the Philippines. wish the significant smile that accompanied cheap market for refined sugar in the lest coming through diplomatic channels.

Program for Philippines.

During my first interview the baron had asked me to look into the possibilities of the Philippines as a producer of raw materials which Japan desired to manufacture, not only for home consumption, but also would be detrimental, because the market for sale in the limitless markets of China, and so our conversation now turned upon pared to that of the Orient, and, in addithis subject and he asked me if the Philipan Oriental agricultural product, with its pine group could produce enough raw material to enable Japan to embark upon a cheapness of production, into competition of furnishing manufactures pri- with the agriculture of the United States, to marily Oriental in character which could the destruction of the American sugar Inbe consumed in the Orient.

'Most assuredly the Philippines can," I him data which convinced him that it was avoid. most desirable for his country to enter into banker. In discussing these subjects he pines into Japan. gave me to understand that Japan was fully equipped to increase its manufacturing energies so as to enable it to do its part in such a plan, but he wanted to made bold to ask, although I felt a deliknow whether it would be justified in view cacy in so doing. Did Japan still desire to of the condition of affairs as he under- acquire the Philippines? stood them in the Philippines.

You need immigration as well as labor in ssions. You need transportation and capital to develop the vast agricultural resources of the Islands.

I answered him by saying that the capital of the United States was sufficient not only to develop these agricultural resources of the islands, but also to build all lines necessary for their complete development. In speaking of China as a market he complimented the United States very highly on its recent Chinese trade treaty, policy of which, if adhered to, would, in his opinion, insure to the United States the vast markets of that wonderful em-

Russia a Menace.

in their character or the products of agriculture, such as flour, ofl, cotton stuffs and woolens, and "are those products of your farms which cannot be raised in the Orient. Your only competitor," he said "Is Russia, and the exclusive occupation of any portion of Asia by Russia would mean the exclusion of that much of the trade of your country and a consequent loss to you. The products which Japan aims to manufacture are those products which can not be grown in the Occident or which, if grown there, are grown and manufactured at such a cost as to preclude their sale in the necessarily cheap markets of the far east."

In the conversation which followed, he conveyed to me the following thought, although not expressed in these words, left me with this vivid and lasting impression.

Those products of the Orient which compete with the products of the Occident, should be raised in the Orient, manufactured in the Orient and sold in the Orient, and it is only in this manner that inevitable conflict between the two can be averted. Where the Occident and the Orient come into conflict, individually the Occident may be supreme; collectively, the Oriental forces everything to his own

This led me to ask him where, as in the case of the United States, one country controls the destinles of both an Occidental and an Oriental race, each of whom raise similar products, how they could be governed without a conflict of interests. He expressed himself of the belief that to harmoniously govern the Occident and the Orient, under one flag, as the United States controls the destinles of both an Occidental

so as to prevent the labor and products of the one from coming into competition with those of the other, otherwise the inhorers receiving the highest wages must work at the price and accept the wages paid to those who can produce the cheap est. This naturally brought us to a dis cussion of the articles capable of produc tion in the Philippines and especially those destred by Japan

What Japan Wants.

"There are two products of the Phillopines," he said, "which the Japanese people would gladly take and for many years to come could absorb the total pro-

duction-tobacco and sugar." Japan, it seems, is establishing a governspondence of The Box.)-it was owing to ment monopoly in tobacco, and it is found the kindness of Mr. Arthur Kna, p. an that the totacco of the Philippines is the American gentleman and the editor of the best tobacco for the Orient, because it can Yokohama Advertiser, that I had two en- stand a melst climate better than tobacce lightening interviews with Baron Kemura, raised anywhere else. This, coupled with minister of foreign affairs of Japan, one the exceedingly low cost of production. enroute to the Philippines in June last and ments with the United States, either by the other on November 6, just before my treaty or otherwise, whereby Phillippine to heart for all Americans, while in my case | Philippines with great rapidity, provided an agricultural class of people could be cultivation. The only competitors of Oriental tobacco would be the tropical colonies of England, France and The Netherlands. As to sugar, a similar condition exists. From the president of the large sugar refineries in Japan I had caused by the strained relations existing learned that the Japanese "Sugar trust" was able and willing to so increase the course these relations were but slightly alcould be raised in the Philippines, for the the position which the United States was reason that Japan's 45,000,000 gives it a allude to them. The last interview, coming would always have before it the market of millions of people of China, while its suwhich undoubtedly had been d's usued with perior ability for cheap manufacturing Baron Komura, dwelt upon the subject of would enable it to compete with the cheap the future relations between the United beet sugar of Europe and Asiatic Russia. States and Japan as affecting the trade b. Russia, be it understood, is already estabtween Japan, the Philippines and China. lishing beet sugar factories in Siberia, Among the incidental topics discussed was where the beets can be raised, with a view the exclusiveness of the United States in to supplying China with beet sugar, providing Russia's plan for the absorption of Hawall and the United States, which he China is successful. But the baron gave said he regretted, and that word "regret," me to understand that Japan, with the it, meant more than pages of official pro- Orient, might not be able to meet the prices which could be paid in the United States n case of free trade on raw sugar between the Philippines and the United States. He intimated that while such a policy might in the beginning be beneficial to the Philippines, yet ultimately he believed that it in the United States was limited as comtion, free trade in raw sugar would bring

negotiations with the United States with a had been approached with an idea of makview to so building up our commercial re- ing reciprocal arrangements with the other lations so that the Philippine islands could Oriental producers of these two products be the garden, Japan the factory, China with a view of cutting out the importation the market and the United States the of the sugar and tobacco of the Philip-

Japan and the Philippines.

There was one more question which I

"There was a time," said Baron Komura the Philippines," he said, "and that Immi- Philippine islands, not only to prevent their gration and labor will have to be Oriental as falling into the hands of its enemies, but well as Occidental to meet the climatic and also to supply a place where the raw maagricultural conditions of your tropical terial for manufacturing in Japan could be factories can be supplied with all the commercial products necessary to it without roads, railroads and interisland shipping the expense of governing the islands or de-Philippine islands than do so itself."

In parting I asked Baron Komura if, unofficially, he thought it possible for an arrangement to be entered into between the United States and Japan whereby the prodasked him then as to the possibilities ucts of the Philippines could find a profitathe Occident and the Orient becoming, ble market in Japan, and he answered that competitors for the trade of China and as to it was his opinion that if such a proposithe possibility of China itself becoming a tion be brought officially to the attention manufacturing nation. He did not seem to of Japan, through the proper diplomatic cheerful night. think that China would ever become a com- channels, Japan would willingly enter into petitor of the United States because the negotiations with that object in view. products of the United States which are im- "Certainly," he said, "some such an arported into China are either agricultural rangement would cement the bonds of friendship between the United States and Japan, which now are very strong."
ALONZO H. STEWART.

RELIGIOUS.

The Rev. E. Henry Byrons. Congrega-tional minister of New Smyrna, Fla. is making an effort to arrange for a joint re-union of confederate and federal veterans some time this summer.

Dr. Arthur H. Smith says that what Gibbon said of Rome is true of China, namely: "To the common people all religions are equally true; to the philosopher all are equally deful."

The Christian population of Cores is con-The Christian population of Corea is estimated at 200,000, about 2 per cent of the population of the empire. Presbyterians, Methodists, Anglicans and Roman Catholics maintain missions in Corea, with a large force of American, English and native workers.

dustry, and thus create the very friction between the Orient and the Occident which answered, and then I proceeded to give seemed to him it should be our policy to From other sources I learned that Japan

"when Japan felt that it must acquire the raised and a place where the surplus Japanese population could go. But that view has passed. With the Philippine islands under control of the United States, Japan has a friend at its doors, and its fending them in time of war. The United States and Japan could never be competitors in the Orient, so Japan would rather have the United States govern the

In memory of relatives who perished in the Iroquois fire a parishoner of Christ church, Winnetks, Ill., has offered to build a new \$50,000 church, Among strange legacies may be classed hat of a Vermont man who left \$500 to his church, the income to be used in sweeping the snow off the church payement.

President Butler of Columbia university lately said he knew no more pathetic spec-acie than that of incompetent Sunday school teachers trying to instruct their pu-

The religious census of Germany reports almost two-thirds of the people Protestants, a little over one-third are Roman Catholics, with less than 6,000 registered as non-Chelstian

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SHORT CUT TO BANKRUPTCY

American Trader's Opinion o' Business in Colombia in Revolution Times.

MUSING STORY OF EXPERIENCES THERE

Barrels of Bollars Poured Out to Get a Big Batch of Permits and Passports from Everybody in Authority.

If you want to find a short cut to bankruptcy go down to Colombia and try to do

usiness there in revolution time. In July, 1902, I was living at Call, in the department of the Cauca, Republic of Colombia. Hearing that the people in the next department, Tolima, were hadly in need of cloth goods and other merchandise, supplies having become short owing to the revolution. I bought (welve mules, loaded them with valuable cargoes, hired peons and prepared to set out on the difficult and

dangerous journey to Tollma. No sooner had I got ready than the gov ernor of the department issued a dec es to the effect that no mules were to be taken out of the Cauca into another department unless \$2,000 per mule was deposited with the government as a guaranty that they would be brought back. The department, it was contended, was running short of mules and every available beast was needed for the prosecution of the fight against the revolutionists. So I had to put up a bond of \$24,000 Colombian paper money, worth \$800 gold, that I would bring back my own mules. If I was inconsiderate enough to sell them or allow them to die or let the government seize them I would have to forfelt my money.

But this was only the beginning of my troubles. I had to go before the governor procurator-fiscal and the registratio and half a dozen other officials to swear that was a good Catholic, an honest merchant and a well wisher to the government, that and that all my family and friends were equally innocent and harmless people.

Good Money for Notepaper, This done, I was allowed to buy sheets of to write petitions for the necessary pass- | midst. ports and permits for the journey. There was bound to be some mistake in the word-\$4 sheets. This is one of the delightful little ways adopted by the Colombian government with the government except on these sheets. ports were obtained, they had to be force. stamped also.

At length my strenuous encounters with the officials were over, and the little expedition was at liberty to depart, armed near which we pitched camp.

As we were getting dinner ready two Coombian soldiers rode up on horseback and announced that they had orders to arrest the "gringo" and take him to jail. I pro tested, but they held the trumps. They simply levelled their rifles at my head and told me that if I didn't come at once they would shoot me.

They took me to Jamondi and flung me was bare of furniture, but very much inhabited by cockroaches, scorpions, ants and a variety of other insects. I naturally wanted to know what offense I was charged with, but blows with the butts of rifles the bridge after they had crossed it. were my only answer. My imposing ments from the Call officials were treated with scorn, which was hardly surprising. seeing that nobody could read them.

Foreigners Disliked. Like most Colombians, my captors hated

foreigners, and they were delighted to have one at their mercy. They refused to give me any food or even to let my men stopped my dinner.

But that was not the worst of it. The insects swarmed all over me. When I stood up they ran up my legs; when I sat down they ran up my back-so there was nothing for it but to walk around and around the cell all night. The soldiers on guard kept beating on the door with their rifles and telling me that I was going to be shot in the morning. It was not a

Next morning the commandants of the garrison entered the cell full of apologies and told me that I was free. There had been a mistake in a telegram, and he trusted the illustrious senor had suffered inconvenience from the brief hospitality he had been constrained to afford him.

I did not want any more mistakes of that kind, so I rode back to Call and saw the governor. That polite gentleman overwheimed me with regrets and apologies and begged me to pardon the soldiers' excess of zeal. He wound up by giving me a peautiful letter, which charged all and undry officials to place the resources of he government at my disposition and not to interfere in any way with my men, my

goods or my mules. It might be supposed that such a letter would smooth the weary traveler's path. As a matter of fact, it rendered it more difficult. Every 2-cent alcalde in the viiages through which I passed regarded the missive with the greatest suspicion. These alcaldes could not read, but they knew the appearance of a passport, even if they did have a habit of holding it upside down when they inspetced it. This document wasn't a passport, and they thought seriously of throwing its owner into juil However, judicious bribes removed their scruples, and eventually I reached the towns in the Tolima department, sold my goods at a decent profit, and bought rubber with the proceeds.

A New Imposition. But when I started to return home I was

"You need a passport to leave the de partment with your mules and rubber, said the Tolima officials, "and you will have to pay us for it."

faced with a new imposition.

"But I have a passport and a letter from the governor of the Cauca." I protested 'See what he says.'

"That is no good here," they replied "We don't even know who the governor of the Cauca is. You can't leave without our passport."

"What will it cost?" They figured it out, and told me it would be \$5,260, paper money, charging \$100 per mule, \$300 per load of rubber, and sundry other items. Of course, there was nothing to do but to pay, and the sum just about swallowed up all the profit of the trip. I fled from this nest of brigands and journeved homeward without much adventure until I got to a village called La Plata. There I was advised to halt, as the government troops were annexing all the mules they could catch in the Parimo pass, through which I had to fourney, and would certainly seize mine. But having the letter of the governor of the Cauca forbidding

anybody to interfere with me, I thought it was safe to go on A Regular Holdup.

At the village of Inza I was held up by a band of 150 government soldiers. They plied the whad been murdering and pillaging the In-

dians for miles around and needed mules to carry their loot. The officers had boxes full of silver coins, ingots, nuggets and other valuables which they had forced the Indians, by torture, to disgorge.

"I need your mules," said a lieutenant. "You can't have them. I want them,"

I replied. "I need your mules." "I am an American citizen. If you in-

terfere with me-" "I need your mules." 'Here is a passport-"

"I need your mules." "And here is a letter from the governor

or the Cauca forbidding you or anybody els-"I need your mules." He took them. While the argument was proceeding the mules had gone on down

hill, so the officer sent four soldlers after them to dump the carroes and bring the muse back. These soldiers never returned whereon hangs a story. I sat down in the village store and cursed the government roundly. I had lost all my profits by the taxes of the sharks in Tolima, and now I had lost my mules and

of \$24.000 when I returned to Call for falling to bring the mules back. As I gloomily reviewed the situation a dirty, ragged Indian, who was lounging in the store, came up to me and whispered: "Do not despond, Senor Americano. The liberals are coming intonight. Say nothing, keep quiet, and tomorrow you shall have your mules back. I promise it."

rubber and would have to pay up the bond

In the Thick of a Row.

I slept that night on the floor of an adobe hu! At 4 in the morning I was awakened by a pandemonium of shricks, yells and rifle shots. A strong band of Indians, in the service of the liberal revolutionists, had burst into the town and taken the government troops by surprise.

The bullets whistled through the thin walls of the hut, which semed to be right and the secretary of the hacienda and the in the line of fire. I lay flat on my stomach on the floor and covered my head with a pillow, expecting every second that a bullet would search out some vital part. Presently the firing ceased. I argued I had never had smallpox or been in jail that if the Indians burst into the hut and found me there they would think I was hiding from them and would speedily hack me to pieces with their machetes. So I put a bold face on the matter, wound a red handkerchief-the liberal emblemofficial note paper, at \$4 per sheet, on which around my head and walked out into their

They halled me as a comrade, "All foreigners are our friends," they declared. ing of the first six or seven petitions, and They had won an easy victory over the they had to be written over again on other government soldiers, most of whom had been killed, while the rest had fied to the woods. My Indian friend of the night beto raise the taxes. Nobody may correspond fore seemed to be in command, and he kept his word. He had a lot of mules led Of course, the petitions had to be stamped up and paraded before me, told me to pick with numerous and expensive stamps, and out mine and advised me to get away be when, after a week's hustling, the pass- fore the government troops came back in

I felt it was "up to me" to make him some return for his kindness, so I opened the village store-the owner was a government man and had fled-and invited the with many weighty documents giving it the Indians to help themselves. "All you want right to live and move. My men and I rode is yours," I said. "Help yourselves," Of on for five hours to a place called Jamondi, course, they would have taken it anyway, but they seemed to think it very generous

Hard Road to Travel.

After helping to doctor the wounded and bury the dead I proceeded on my journey, having recovered all my mules. rubber and peons. But when I got to the next river I found the bridge over it had been burned. The four soldiers who had been sent after onto the stone floor of a dirty cell, which the mules the night before had not returned to the village. Being tired, they had tethered the mules and slept beside them. They had heard the firing, fled to the nearest government post and set fire to boast that justice and not law reigns in This meant that we had to cut our way for two days through the jungle which grew along the river bank until we found a

to eat. This is one of the common delights of travel in Colombia. Then we had to cross the terrible Parimo pass. In good weather and with the road give me any. I was famished, for I had in good condition this usually takes two eaten nothing since morning, and they had hours. But the weather was vile and the road a quagmire, so it took us two days. It was an awful journey. The pass le 17,000 feet above sea level and intensely cold. The road is strewn with corpses of mules and men, who perished there long ago These corpses do not putrify in that cold and rarified atmosphere. They simply swell

anything for either the mules or the men

up and remain in that condition for any number of years, I suppose. We lost one man and three mules it crossing the pass. The mules fell over the precipice and were lost, with their cargoes of rubber. I had to pay up my bond on those mules when I returned to Call, as well as on a horse which some government soldiers stole afterward. I took back several other mules which I had bought in Tolima, but the authorities would not ac-

cept those as a fair exchange. The man died because he insisted on drinking "aguadiente," the flery native randy. If you drink water and eat "panela" (coarse, brown sugar in cakes), you are all right. This man would not do so. Presently he staggered and sat down, and when I went to him I found that he was

Comedy of Errors.

As we left the pass we met a strong force of government troops marching toward Inza. They had come from Silvia, the town to which the four escaped soldiers had fled and told their story. General Perez, the commandante there, was hot to avenge the defeat; but he became the victim of an amusing little comedy of errors.

He marched on to Inza, but the victorious indians had followed in our wake, and they dodged him on the way without letting him know they were in the neighborhood. Then they quietly descended on Silvia, annihilated the small force he had left there, and captured the town. The unsuspecting Perez got to Inza, planned a great surprise and attacked the place at night. But the government soldiers who fied when the Indians captured the village had reoccupied it after they left, and the two government bands fought and killed one another in the darkness for half an hour before they discovered their mistake.

We got safely back to Cali, after nearly perishing in a bush fire. After paying up my bond for the stolen horse and the jost mules I found that I had lost over \$4,000 on the trip, besides my living expenses and those of my men.

That was my reward for all those months of hardship and peril, and when I think what might have happened-what nearly did happen-I comfort myself with the reflection that I came out of the business pretty well. But I cannot advise anybody to go down to Colombia and try to make a living there as an itinerant merchant.

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QUAINT FEATURES OF LIFE.

slected for another term of five years. He all be Japanese. has already served twenty-eight years. There was some talk of opposition, but the women quickly suppressed it by letting it be known, as they have done before, that they wanted every man to vote for Donohue or there would be trouble. Donohue's fame first came when he thrashed a chronic wife beater and found it had such good effect that he has thrashed many others. his office.

Laurent Delarue, a criminal who robbed on so large a scale and with such method exhibition in a large glass-covered frame. place shallow enough to ford. It rained in and resource as to win for himself the They are written on official paper and bear torrents all the time and there was hardly title of "King of the Burglars," was brought up for trial in Paris recently. Delarue was graduated in his profession by a systematic course of education, working for some years as a safemaker and afterward as a locksmith. Having thus Miss Eather Berry of Doddville, Va., offers acquired much valuable technical knowledge, he took up his quarters at Sartrouville, a village ten miles from Paris, and raided houses in every direction. Some 500 or 600 robberies are put down to him.

Magistrate Luke J. Connorton of Brooklyn has just promulgated the opinion from the bench that "Widows should not be admitted to dances to the exclusion of maidens and they should not try to make a edict was promulgated because the municipal hall in which the St. Patrick's day ball is to be held is too small to accommodate all who have applied for admission. The vote among the managers of the ball on the question of the admission of widows was a tie, and the final decision was left stands as the final decision, from which there is no appeal.

Kojiro Suzuki, representing T. Yamaguchi, superintendent of the Japanese tea house at the World's fair, stated that three days after he left Japan twenty Japanese be erected on the fair grounds when the says, with colds in the head or with 30,000 Shinto priests and 111,000 Buddhist carpenters arrive, like Solomon's temple, catarrh. At present he is obliged to cut ecclesiastics in that country.

Donohue of Wilksbarre, Pa., has been re- nese temples. The furnishings, too, will to cold that would kill the average man.

The negro cooks of Hartford, Conn., degrand ball and their president, A. W. Gibson, conceived the idea of making the occasion a brilliant one. He accordingly sent the envelopes in which they came, were on

every evidence of being genuine

a Plymouth Rock rooster, weight 6 or 7 She gives the exposition a ten days' option the eruption occurred. The phenomenon is on the tri-ped. Will Jenkins of Garden, Okla., is the proud owner of a Buff Coehin rooster which also has one more leg than he needs. This rooster goes Miss Berry's one better, however, as he holds up the third leg as if it were a hand. R. L. Ceishat of Tipton, Mo., offers relics of George Washington in the shape of a facsimile of matrimonial agency of a dance hall." The his family record, dating back to 1533, a watch charm, seal and other emblems. Louis A. Brown of Adah, Pa., wants a quotation on the price the exposition is willing to pay for a 200-year old chronometer which is still keeping good time. Dennie Curran of Gogebic, Mich., volunteers to exhibit himself in all the glory of buckskin clothto Magistrate Connorton, whose decree ing and trappings after he has made a successful trip in his birch bark cance from his native heath to the fair by way of the Presque Isle river, Wisconsin lakes, Manibowish, Flambo, Chipewa, Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers.

Prof. Sugarman of Little Falls, N. Y., carpenters set sail for America on the takes daily winter baths in the Mohawk steamer Vancouver. They are expected to river. He has not missed a day this winter reach San Francisco in a few days. The although the temperature of the past week carpenters have with them all the parts hovered at from 18 to 30 degrees below zero. of the "King Kakuji." or Japanese tea- He says he has been greatly benefited by house, which, says Mr. Suzuki, have been his jey baths. Since he began taking these so well cut and fitted that the house will arctic plunges he is no longer troubled, he be erected on the fair grounds when the says, with colds in the head or with

without the sound of a hammer. The the ice to get into the water. He wears "King Kakuji" is to be three stories high summer clothing, disthining hufflers and That beater of wife beaters, Alderman and built in the style of the oldest Japa- overcoats, and seems to thrive on exposure

Though not so very aged (he is only 77), Edward Atkinson, the noted anti-imperialcided some three months ago to give a list, anti-expansionist, economist and inventor, is so feeble that he can no longer write with a pen, but uses a rubber stamp in signing his name. This is done even on letters of invitation to Pope Plus X. King checks of small or large amount. As such Edward of England, President Roosevelt a signature is not legal, Mr. Atkinson renand other dignituries. In due course of ders it so by attesting it according to the He is noted for his novel decisions and his time replies were received from these no- Bertillon system. He inks the ball of his tables regretting their inability to be pres- thumb on a pad and leaves the imprint on ent and wishing those present a pleasant the check, as much as to say: "Edward evening. At the dance the replies, with Atkinson, his thumb." Bank cashiers in with the hair lines of the Atkinson thumb and a piece of paper bearing it is as good as legal tender.

> A strange thing happened at the central The St. Louis exposition management has high school building in Webster City, Ia. experienced a plethora of three-legged Every clock in the building stopped at chickens offered within the past few days. exactly 8 o'clock in the morning. It was the day of the fatal eruption on the island a Plymouth Rock rooster, weight 6 or 7 of Java and the time the clocks stopped pounds, which possesses a superfluous leg. was within a few seconds of the time that unexplained except that it was probably due to some sympathetic electrical disturbance in the zone in which the high school stood. In the kindergarten building, just south of the high school building, all the clocks were going as usual, nothing having interfered with their movements.

"The food of the Chinese consists princi-pally of rice and fish." That statement has appeared in nearly every school geography or history that has been published since the flood. "It's all foldered and flapdoodle," says a concessionaire from the interior of the great empire. "The streams were ilshed out ages ago and you seldoin find fish in the interior. On the coast-yes Much fish is eaten. But the main food of the Chinese is pork and chickens. Mutton and beef are rare. Less rice is eaten than you would imagine, but there is an abundance of palatable vegetables, and you would find no difficulty in making out a good dinner.'

Religious of Japan While there is absolute toleration in maters of religion in Japan today, and the state gives no support to Shintoism or Buddhism, the two religions which were formerly specially recognized there are still, according to the last census taken,



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