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## JAPAN IN TURKE.

Mikado is Seeking to Establish Diplomatic Relations with Sultan.

### SERIOUS STUMBLING BLOCK ENCOUNTERED

Japan Wishes Full Equality with European Powers.

### PORTE OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSITION

Wishes to Decrease Instead of Increase Outside Influence.

### SOME OPPOSITION FROM EUROPE

Plan of Japan is Clearly to Increase Political Influence Instead of Extending Trade Relations.

CONSTANTINOPLE. May 12.—The pourparlers by which Japan is seeking to establish diplomatic relations with Turkey and the location of a Japanese ambassador at Constantinople have encountered a rather serious stumbling block. Japan wishes to be treated on the same footing as the great powers of Europe with respect to the "capitulations" by which Turkey gives foreign powers certain supervision over its internal affairs, including schools, missions, consular courts, etc., and is strongly opposed to conceding them to Turkey within recent years have been aimed at the restriction and ultimate abolition of these privileges to foreign powers.

The efforts of Japan to establish diplomatic relations with Turkey date back to the period preceding the Russo-Japanese war and were renewed later at different intervals. In November last year a fresh attempt was made during the presence in Constantinople of two Japanese staff officers, who were occupied in a tour of study in Turkey, one of whom subsequently proceeded to Bagdad. These officers were the bearers of a large number of decorations for Turkish officials. It is stated in official circles that the pourparlers are still going on, although recognition is observed, regarding the place where the negotiations are being conducted.

On the surface there are no indications that any of the European powers are actively opposing the establishment of a Japanese embassy at Constantinople. There is no official opposition at least, but it is by no means improbable that certain powers would find it in their interest to intrigue against the project. It is only necessary to recall the difficulties the American ambassador, Mr. Leishman, had to overcome to secure recognition of his elevated rank. It is obvious that the presence of a Japanese diplomatic representative would naturally tend to strengthen the position of the British ambassador in view of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. This probability might account for the unfavorable attitude which has been hinted at on the part of certain powers.

It is believed here that Prince Fushimi, at present on a visit to Europe, will come to Constantinople and use his personal influence to bring about a settlement. The Turkish government is disposed to view favorably Japan's desire to open diplomatic intercourse with Turkey, except for Japanese pretensions to have the same right with the great powers of Europe. In Turkish circles it is felt the object of Japan is not so much to develop trading relations with Turkey as political, having to do with Turkey's position as neighbor to Russia. Another reason which makes the sultan personally inclined to welcome closer relations with the far eastern empire is the hope that Mohammedan missionary propaganda in that country may be encouraged and developed.

**Move Satisfactory to France.**

PARIS, May 12.—The announcement of the approaching nomination of a Japanese ambassador to Constantinople, thus strongly enforcing the diplomatic representation of Japan in Europe, is entirely satisfactory to France, whose relations with Japan are most friendly.

### MRS. D. M. HOUSER IS DEAD

Wife of President of t. Louis Globe-Democrat Dies of Self-Inflicted Wound.

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—Mrs. Agnes Barlow Houser, wife of Daniel M. Houser, president of the Globe-Printing company, publishing the *Globe-Democrat*, died tonight from the effects of a self-inflicted bullet wound in the right temple. Mrs. Houser was found this evening by her husband on his return from an automobile ride with his two sons, Duncan and Douglas. He was informed by neighbors that his wife had been home breathing heavily and evidently ill. Mr. Houser entered the room and found his wife on the bed with a revolver in her hand. She was unconscious, but breathing faintly. Physicians were quickly summoned, but medical attention was without avail. She died after lingering in unconsciousness for several hours.

Mrs. Houser had been in a nervous state for the last three or four months. Members of the family are at a loss to assign a reason for her act. Worry and mental strain in participating in the charity carnival given Friday are the only possible causes they can assign. There was nothing to indicate whether death was accidental or premeditated. It is not known where she secured the revolver.

### MAN SLEEPS FORTY DAYS

T. C. Webster Taken from Train at Kansas City April 2 is Still Unconscious.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 12.—T. C. Webster, who was taken from an eastbound train here on April 2, unconscious, and remained for the past forty days and is still asleep. Physicians say he is suffering from acute melancholia.

Webster is 50 years old. He was traveling from Horatio Bend, Ida., to Gainesville, Ga. He became delirious on the trip from Denver to Kansas City and was unconscious when he reached here. Since that time he has been aroused occasionally to take nourishment, but at no time has he been thoroughly awake. None of his relatives or friends have visited him since he was taken to the hospital.

**Kuroki Leaves for Jamestown.**

WASHINGTON, May 12.—After spending the day sightseeing, General Baron Kuroki, with the Chinese and Chinese visitors, left tonight on the steamer *Newport News* for Norfolk to visit the Jamestown exposition.

## SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Monday, May 13, 1907.

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FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA.—Showers and cool Monday, Tuesday, fair, warmer in west portion.

FORECAST FOR IOWA.—Showers and cooler Monday afternoon and night, then clear and cool Tuesday, fair, cooler in east portion.

WASHINGON, May 12.—Senator Foraker of Ohio tonight issued a statement on the Ohio situation in which he told Representative Burton, saying that so far as he (Mr. Foraker) was concerned, no effort whatever has been made to make a deal, bargain or a compromise with anybody about anything; that the statement issued by George B. Cox of Cincinnati was not in Mr. Foraker's interest or with his intent, but he thought Mr. Cox was striving for party harmony and he (Mr. Foraker) was willing to accept the results if the convention should act favorably on Mr. Cox's recommendations. The senator says all questions of endorsement and nomination should be deferred until the next state convention and he will not regard as binding any action taken meanwhile by any individual or committee not authorized to settle these questions for Ohio republicans.

The senator reiterates that he will request that the call for the next state convention provide that the delegates be elected from the various counties at primaries.

**Text of Statement.**

The statement follows:

In answer to the statement in today's paper concerning Chairman of Mr. Burton, Senator Foraker said:

Mr. Burton's statement is likely to create a false impression. So far as I am concerned, no effort has been made

to make a deal or a bargain, or a compromise with anybody about anything. The statement put out by Mr. Cox's friends and myself is on my own motion, and not in the interest of any person, and he (Mr. Foraker) was willing to accept the results if the convention should act favorably on Mr. Cox's recommendations.

The senator, prior to the trial, that someone had approached some of his friends in a cautious way in hopes of discovering his price. The senator said little about what he might have made out of giving in at the last moment until late years, when he intimated to me that it was in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

"He was an extremely reticent man about matters relating to himself. This was the great trouble about the President Johnson affair. No one knew just what he was going to do.

"A few days before the great trial he told me that he was digging his political grave. 'I am looking into it now,' he said, 'and in a little while it will be a reality, but I am right right.'

"He never seemed to me to regret the attitude he took on that occasion, although years of actual wait followed years during which there was no friendly voice of encouragement or cheer. Every constituent he had in Kansas turned fickle.

Mrs. Whipple is 75 years old, a pioneer Kansas woman, who came west in 1858.

She probably was more closely associated with her brother than any other person and to her alone he appears to have confided the motives that prompted his attitude in the Johnson episode.

"Through his life," said Mrs. Whipple, "Senator Ross had every phase of disonor meted out to him. He had been burned in all the fires of persecution and public reproach.

"I remember well the time of this great trial, when an ordinary man would have sold out and made himself comfortably rich for life, but when he let the opportunity slip by and chose rather the scorn and abuse of his kinsmen.

The senator adds that he will not be a candidate for the third term and we should take his word for it and look about for another candidate. At this stage Taft seems to be in the lead, and with peace in Ohio, which now seems assured, he should be the man to carry the standards of the party. There are surely plenty of good men, so Roosevelt will not have to be forced if he did not want it.

"Around Washington the impression seemed to prevail pretty strongly that everything was patched up in Ohio and that Taft was to have the presidential delegation and Foraker was to have a chance at the senatorial top. I think Taft would be a successful candidate.

**East Far Fare.**

"In New York there seems to be some unrest and some business men claim to fear the strenuous efforts of the president against the corporate interests might precipitate hard times. The west, however, does not seem to share in that opinion, for we in the west are strictly an agricultural community and, given good crops, we can let the other people do the worrying."

Senator Millard visited Egypt and, as he said, "went far back of the Roman civilization, for we went 600 miles up the Nile, which is about 4,000 years beyond Rome in civilization. Returning we visited Naples, Rome, Genoa, Nice and Paris, but did not go into northern Europe at all."

"Egypt is about to lose a man who has been of inestimable value to that country.

Lord Cromer is about to leave and all are regretting it, as he has been administering the government under the suzerainty of Great Britain for many years. He was instrumental in starting great internal improvements, which are still going on, and his members have great hopes in Mr. Rifa.

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Rifa Sunday at the Tel Jed Sokol hall on South Thirteenth street. Mr. Rifa will leave soon as the sole representative of the western turners in the international contests which will be held at Prague, Bohemia. Turners will go from all over the world to this tournament and the western members have great hopes in Mr. Rifa.

Rifa Sunday evening on Douglas street.

TRAMP FALLS IN WATER TANK

Man Stealing Ride on Alton Train Has a Narrow Escape from Drowning.

**LOCAL.**

Former Senator Millard on return from abroad expresses belief Secretary Taft is logical successor to President Roosevelt.

HARRIMAN makes enormous increase in his rolling stock and transportation facilities on the Union and Southern Pacific roads to meet the demand for more cars by the constantly increasing traffic.

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—Three girls are injured by explosion of gasoline in laundry at McCook.

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