

GENERAL KODAMA
JAP STRATEGIST

HE LAID OUT THE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN IN THE PRESENT GREAT WAR — A MOST REMARKABLE MAN WITH A TREMENDOUS CAPACITY FOR WORK.

The man who is responsible for the plan of the Japanese campaign is General Kodama. Baron Kodama is like Lord Roberts. He has the alert figure, the soldierly bearing and the keen face of the British general. The likeness is remarkable, and I told him so.

"But I am not yet a field marshal," laughed the general, pointing to the three stars on the sleeve of his tunic. Gen. Genzaro Kodama comes of a fighting race. He was born half a century ago in the province of Choshu, one of the four great daimios or feudal lords that have given an unbroken succession of warriors and leaders to Japan.

The Marquis Ito, most famous of modern statesmen; Inoue, ablest of diplomatists and administrators; Yamagata, who created a national army out of the retainers of the daimios; and many renowned rulers are from Choshu.

Indeed, there is only one other clan with this heritage of power. It is the clan of Satsuma, to which you must be from Choshu. Hence the term "Bat-Cho," familiar in politics to denote the combination of these clans.

The province in which General Kodama was born played a foremost part in the revolution that overthrew the shogun and restored the authority of the mikado. His clansmen were the first to lay aside their swords and spear and to adopt the rifle, discipline and tactics of Europe.

Baron Kodama was 16 years old when Japan threw off her feudal chains. His father died in the revolution and left him to the care of a son-in-law, who seven years later was the victim of political assassins. At 13 Kodama was struggling with poverty and family responsibility.

The revolution swept him into the forces arrayed against feudalism, and when only 16 he was fighting the daimios and their two-worded retainers who had ruled the land for eight centuries.

In 1871 feudalism was dead; shogun and daimios were driven into private life and the emperor was rescued from the direct rule of the military. But disaffection assumed a new form, and in 1874 the province of Hizen, one of the four that had combined against the shogun, broke out in rebellion as a protest against the introduction of European methods and ideas.

Kodama was a captain, having received his company 12 months before, and was sent to Saka as adjutant of the rebels. He was defeated, yet they fought long enough to prove the mettle of the young captain. Shot through both arms, he continued to lead his men until he was taken prisoner. On his return to the capital he was promoted to the rank of major, and was commanded to the palace to receive the thanks of the emperor.

When civil war had ravaged the land, three years later, his services were again in demand. General Saigo, one of the leaders of the revolution that restored the emperor to power, raised the cry "To Korea." Ministers were opposed to this policy of aggression, and Saigo, resigning his post in the cabinet, retired to his native province of Satsuma, where he won many disciples among the students and the samurai or warrior class, who had lost all their privileges with the abolition of feudalism.

General Saigo took the field and marched upon the castle of Kumamoto, which was held by 4,000 imperial troops. Colonel Kodama was one of the garrison, which was besieged for 64 days and suffered great privation.

The investment began a fire destroyed nearly all their supplies and threatened the powder magazine, which was under the walls of the burning building. Colonel Kodama ordered his men to fire at the magazine.

Seeing them shrink from the danger, he climbed upon the roof of the magazine and bade them open the doors. Encouraged by this example of gallantry, the soldiers obeyed and removed the powder while their leader stood on the roof until the walls of the barracks tottered and fell in flaming ruin.

school. His knowledge of England is not confined to our language; it extends to our military history in its obscure details. His spare moments are spent in translating into Japanese the tactical books of our soldiers.

General Kodama has some very able coadjutors—men of great experience, with whom he is in perfect accord. The head of his department, Field Marshal Marquis Oyama, is removed as a soldier and administrator. Despite the big ungainly figure, which resembles that of a Japanese wrestler, the cast in the eye, and the brown face, deeply pitted with smallpox, the marquis is a most attractive personality.

He is the essence of a good nature, and his comrades recall many a quaint conceit humorous story with which he has cheered them in moments of danger. No man has more staunch friends, for, in public, as in private life, he is altogether unselfish. Though he has held the portfolios of minister for war, first lord of the admiralty and minister of education, he has no political ambition to serve, and has never attempted to form a party.

The sincerity of his purpose and the transparent honesty of his actions have given him an influence in the army second only to that which was exercised by Yamagata. He has never shone in the field, yet his experiences have been great. Born in Satsuma, one of the great heroics, he fought in the revolution, was sent to the Franco-German war as attaché, went through the siege of Paris, studied military science in France and Switzerland, commanded a flying column in the civil war of 1877, returned to Europe to investigate the military systems of the west, was rewarded with the title of count, introduced reforms in the army, and was appointed chief of the general staff.

General Terachi, the minister for war, belongs to the new school. His business capacity and knowledge of departmental work cannot fail to be of the utmost service. In the China war he took charge of the transport and supply, and managed it with the skill and economy that are characteristic of every branch of the Japanese army.

General Yasunuma, Fukuzima is another staff-officer who will have great influence on the course of the war. He is attached to imperial headquarters and is chief of the section that deals with persons affairs and appointments. Baron Fukushima is a much-traveled soldier and speaks English.

His ride through Siberia in 1893 brought him into fame, and the military reports that he made strengthened his high opinion in which his special talents had been held by a small professional circle.

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TOM TAGGART,
PRACTICAL JOKER

SAMPLES OF JOKES HE USED TO PLAY ON FRIENDS—ONE TOOK THREE MONTHS TO PREPARE SAUSAGES, STEAK AND POTATOES IN ANOTHER.

Rochester Letter in New York Sun. Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic national committee, used to be a great practical joker, and many of the stories told in Indiana of the tricks that he played on his friends.

He has unusual skill as a slight-of-hand performer. Formerly he was constantly using this gift in playing practical jokes on his friends. He doesn't do so much of it now, but there are many men in various parts of the country who will testify to his cleverness in this line.

Taggart's particular crony used to be State Treasurer King, who lived in Indianapolis. A joke that they put up on a friend of King is said to have taken them three months to hatch.

King had a friend, Arthur Johnston, who represented the McCormick Harvester company of Chicago. Johnston owned a watch of very ingenious construction, which was valued at \$800 and of which he was very proud.

King and Taggart decided to play a trick with the watch. The next time Johnston came to town, they went to a jeweler and got a watch that in outward appearance resembled Johnston's. There was nothing so obvious as the case, and the inside was filled with a lot of unrelated springs and wheels.

Soon after Johnston arrived at Taggart's hotel, King started to talk about watches. Johnston, who had a remark about his own watch.

"Yes," said King to Taggart, "Johnston has the finest watch you ever saw; you would be interested to look at it."

At this Johnston pulled out his watch and handed it to King. Johnston said Taggart looked at it carefully, held it up to his ear and finally said:

"Yes, it is a beauty. It is certainly the finest watch I ever saw."

Johnston held it up for further examination and all of sudden dropped it on the marble floor.

Johnston and Taggart both jumped for it with a cry of alarm, but it was too late. The watch was smashed into a hundred pieces.

The floor for an area of three or four feet was covered with springs and wheels and other parts of the watch. The way Taggart sympathized with Johnston was amusing to those who were in on the joke.

"Well, that's too bad, isn't it?" said Taggart. "I suppose that watch must have cost you \$75 or \$100?"

Johnston went up in the air. "A hundred dollars?" he gasped. "Yes, man, that's what it cost."

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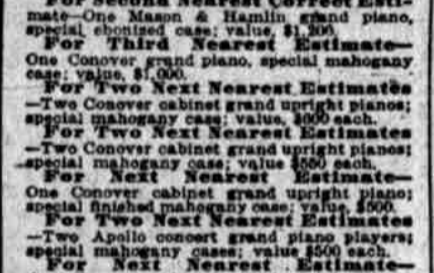
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WHAT DID THE WIGGLE BUG SAY



At this time the man looked at Taggart in astonishment, until the general smiled and began to smile. Taggart never cracked a smile, but called a bell boy and told him to take the things to the kitchen, remarking to the man in a quizzical, suave manner:

"I beg your pardon for my mistake. I certainly thought you intended to do your own cooking when you brought all those provisions along."

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