

JAPAN BUSINESS RIVAL OF AMERICA

Formidable Competitor for the Commerce of the Pacific, Says H. B. Miller.

GOVERNMENT AID FACTOR

Consul-General at Yokohama, Whose Home is in Oregon, Discusses Trade Conditions—Nippon's Progress Since War.

That Japan is a formidable rival of the United States for the commerce of the countries bordering on the Pacific is the belief of Henry B. Miller, American Consul-General at Yokohama, who is in Portland for a few days. Because of the peculiar intermingling of the governmental and industrial interests of Nippon, he says, any other country that wants to trade in the Orient must well study the political economy of Japan with interest and profit.

Consul-General Miller is an Oregon man, whose home is at Eugene. "There is no important industry of Japan but is aided and developed largely by the government," declared Mr. Miller yesterday. "Through control of the finances of Japan, the government owns the steamship lines and the power to arrange subsidies, tariffs and rebates in any way best suited to its purpose, the 50,000,000 people of Japan may be concentrated behind any one industry or activity by the government.

The great steamship companies of Japan have the largest per cent of their capital stock owned by the imperial household. The Mikado is the director in a way of the financial and industrial affairs of the country. The government owns the cotton gin, the Bank of Japan and the Yokohama Specie Bank, and through these institutions manages to control the whole financial system of the imperial treasury to some extent a part of the government. By investing in the leading enterprises, the government encourages every project of consequence to the country.

Through the control of the finances a certain amount of money for the encouragement of the various industries is set aside by the government, and this fund amounts to a large sum. The silk and tea industries are encouraged in this way and the marketing of products is also helped. Cotton goods are marketed by forming a trust of the manufacturers under the direction of the Mitsui Company, whereby the diversified products of the various factories are changed into standard goods fitted especially for the markets of China, and are carried to market by the Mitsui Company. The government at 4 per cent interest to extend this trade.

Government Monopolies.

The investment of the imperial household in the various industries insures whatever aid is needed to build them up. Favorable tariff schedules are arranged, rebates and exemptions granted, and the government has a monopoly of the railroads, salt, tobacco and camphor. It has inaugurated the lumber and other industries where individuals had not the capital or courage to develop them.

Whether this system is fitted to any other country or people, I am not prepared to say. It certainly is not in harmony with the character of American industry, but it seems to me to be well qualified to bring Japan into competition with the strong corporations of other nations. To my mind it is well fitted to the character of the Japanese and the industrial conditions existing there. It is sure to become a most important factor in the Oriental situation in competition for trade and ought to receive the careful consideration of our lawmakers before we complete the new tariff now in process of construction.

While our trade with Japan is constantly on the increase, yet there ought to be a careful examination of the trade between the two countries and a tariff to meet the conditions. The most important increased exports to that country. The new Japanese tariff will go into effect in 1911. The government has experts engaged in studying conditions in all countries to enable the establishment of a new tariff especially in line with the necessary benefits to her industries and commerce.

One of the most interesting developments of Japanese industry of late years is the growth of the electrical light and power development from the many water powers of the islands. Fortunately, in this line the United States has the inside track in supplying equipment. The Japanese plants are being operated by expert engineers, and for the most part, they received their education in this country, so our supplies are the ones purchased. The most important mining development is the development of copper properties. Japan now produces all the copper she consumes, and in addition is exporting the metal to China, Europe and the United States. The Japanese are now beginning to manufacture wire for their own use in their power plants.

United States Good Customer. The industrial development of Japan has been marked during recent years. The United States now consumes one-third of the exports of Japan. China takes another third, and the remainder of the world takes the rest. The relations of the United States and Japan are important from a commercial point of view. A prominent feature of our trade with Japan is that almost all the goods we take from that nation are the products of the soil and labor. It is different with the exports from Japan to China. They are, for the most part, manufactured goods, like tobacco, cotton goods, etc., the raw material being imported to Japan and the finished product sent out.

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OBJECT TO ACCOUNT

Irregularities Alleged in Calif Estate.

EXECUTOR E. QUACKENBUSH

Hinted That \$40,000 Has Been Misappropriated—C. E. S. Wood Retained to Take Care of Interest of Heirs to Estate.

That there have been some irregularities in the handling of the Charles E. Quackenbush estate, which has been in the hands of E. Quackenbush, an executor, for the past 20 years, is the expressed belief of C. E. S. Wood. Last night he denied, however, that he said he thought Mr. Quackenbush had misappropriated about \$40,000 worth of property or cash belonging to the heirs. He admitted, however, that he intends, in about a week, to file in the County Court objections to the final account.

"I have just returned from Eastern Oregon," said Mr. Wood, and have not thoroughly investigated this matter, so I would not want to say that this man has made away with all this money, but I did say today that it looked to me as though some of it was missing. Of course he may have vouchers to cover the entire amount. I noticed today that the estate has dwindled to a very small figure. You can look that up for yourself."

Mrs. James M. Wood, one of the heirs to the Calif estate, would say nothing about the manner in which it has been administered, as she said it was in the hands of Mr. Wood, her attorney.

Letters testamentary were issued in July, 1878, to Harriet A. Calif, E. Quackenbush and M. S. Burrell. The executor resigned during the following year, and Mr. Burrell died, leaving Mr. Quackenbush as the sole executor. The report on the estate, recently filed in the County Court, covers the period between November 5, 1887, and October 1, 1908. It was filed after a petition had been passed upon by Judge Webster and an order issued for the executor to show how he had disposed of the funds.

The final report shows the total payments of the executor to have been \$20,178.73, and the cash on hand to be \$45,311. Allen Calif has been paid, according to the report, \$20,642.51, and Mrs. James M. Wood \$27,268.21. The legacy was \$17,730.41, and the expense of administering the estate \$11,224.55. According to the account the income for the last 21 years has been \$41,922.62.

him in the face, and beat him with her fist, after accusing him of infidelity. At another time she chewed the skin from his left hand. Last January, he says, she threw a butcher knife at him. Larfeld says his wife gave out the impression that she was making trips to town to meet her husband, while in reality they were for the purpose of meeting other men.

Marie Christ is also seeking a divorce in the Circuit Court. She asserts that for the last two years she has been subjected to the abuse and scolding of a drunken husband, who beat her. The language which he used, she says, is unfit to be placed on record in court. She was obliged to take in washing to support herself and their three children. She married Peter Christ in January, 1896.

Joseph J. Tohms began to drink six months after the marriage, according to Florence A. Tohms, who has brought a divorce suit against him. She says that on his frequent excesses he squandered his earnings, and thereby rendered her life miserable. They were married at Detroit, Mich., December 11, 1907.

Case Will Go to Trial.

The \$40,000 libel suit against the Journal Publishing Company, brought by L. M. Davis, Republican Representative-elect to the Oregon Legislature, will probably go to trial on its merits, as Presiding Judge Gantenbein in the Circuit Court overruled, yesterday morning, the defendant's demurrer to the complaint. It was alleged that the complaint does not set up facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action, because it does not say that the editorial objected to was published wantonly.

Davis, in complaining of what he terms libel, says that he is a State member of the Legislature, and that he intends to vote for George E. Chamberlain for United States Senator, even though the latter does not agree with him politically. He says that the "defendant maliciously and wrongfully, and with intent to bring obloquy upon the plaintiff, and to bring him into contempt and ridicule, and to damage and injure his good name and business, social and political standing, and his reputation, and to diminish the esteem in which he was held" published in one of its Sunday issues an editorial which said he was about to break his pledge.

Shaw's Demurrer Overruled.

The demurrer of Robert Shaw to the suit of H. B. Beckett was overruled by Judge Gantenbein yesterday morning. Shaw set up the statute of limitations, saying that suit cannot now be brought to recover on a \$1000 note payable in 1901. The note, with a mortgage to East Portland property, was given to J. K. Gill by John R. Kerr, who is made a party defendant in the present suit. Gill assigned

Circuit Court Notes.

C. W. Bowhay and A. H. Brown, indicted by the grand jury on five counts for selling liquor in Precinct 89, which has been voted dry, will be tried in January. Two cases were set by Judge Gantenbein yesterday for trial January 12, two for January 14 and the fifth for January 16. They entered pleas of not guilty yesterday.

E. J. Merrien, charged with attempting to burglarize, will be sentenced Friday. Chester Massey, 37 years old, is in the County Jail because he stood watch while his "pals" climbed through a window of the St. John skating rink. He will be haled before Judge Gantenbein, of the Juvenile Court, today.

Because he landed with his strong right arm on a conductor's jaw when the latter told him he had not paid his fare, J. N. Kilne was arrested last night by Special Agent Little, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and lodged in the County Jail. He obtained the \$5 ball required last night, and was released.

In order to relieve, in a measure, the congested condition of the Circuit Court docket, the four judges, after conferring upon the subject, have decided that it will be best to set four cases for trial on the first three days of every week when the jury is not in session. Heretofore the practice has been to set but three cases for trial each day, one for each of the three judges, leaving the presiding judge free to attend to arrangements, pleadings and ex-parte matters.

Erickson Must Pay Matchsafes.

The suit of H. G. Grace & Company against August Erickson went in favor of the plaintiff yesterday. Judge Cleland, in the Circuit Court, tried the case. The suit was to recover \$500 for 5000 match safes, alleged to have been delivered to Erickson by the New Jersey Aluminum Company, in October, 1906. The firm assigned its claim to Grace & Company. In defense, Erickson set up that he agreed with the agent of the company that delivery should be made October 1, 1906, otherwise he was not to take the goods. The agent said that the agreement was that the goods were to be shipped as

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