

WHAT ABOUT SULTAN OF JOHORE?

For He's a Jolly Good Fellow, and He Has a Chance to Make His Little Sultanate Rich and Happy—England May Annex Him.

What the Teuton will do to the Briton in the far east is one of John Bull's most perplexing questions. The answer is easy, to Mr. Haskin, who will tomorrow make a comparison of the "Hannibal Englishman" with the German who gets the goods out of the freight house if it takes till half-past two the next morning. The comparison extends to other lines upon which commercial rivalries are drawn. Mr. Haskin's presentation of the problem will appeal to every American, since he forebushes the decadence of the "divine right" in business, following its demolition in the realm of statecraft.

By Frederic J. Haskin.

Washington, Aug. 2.—For nearly 400 miles along the straits of Malacca on the west, and the China sea on the east, runs the coast line of the sultanate of Johore, the only independent Malay state. If history does not fail to repeat itself, Johore may one day become one of the federated Malay states, and the sultan a figurehead with a much reduced income. Whether the annexation will take place in the near future depends to a great extent upon the personal conduct of the present occupant of the throne of Johore, who came into public notice some time ago when he scattered the revenues of his country about European capitals and made a decided reputation as a "good fellow."

At present Sultan Ibrahim is being comparatively good and somewhat inebriated, no doubt, upon his own soil, and his crown is temporarily safe. However, invidious comparisons between the progress of Johore and the federated states are being made by British administrators and writers, and the way is paved for the taking over of the country by its own ruler.

Not take advantage of his unduly great opportunity to develop Johore and improve the condition of his subjects.

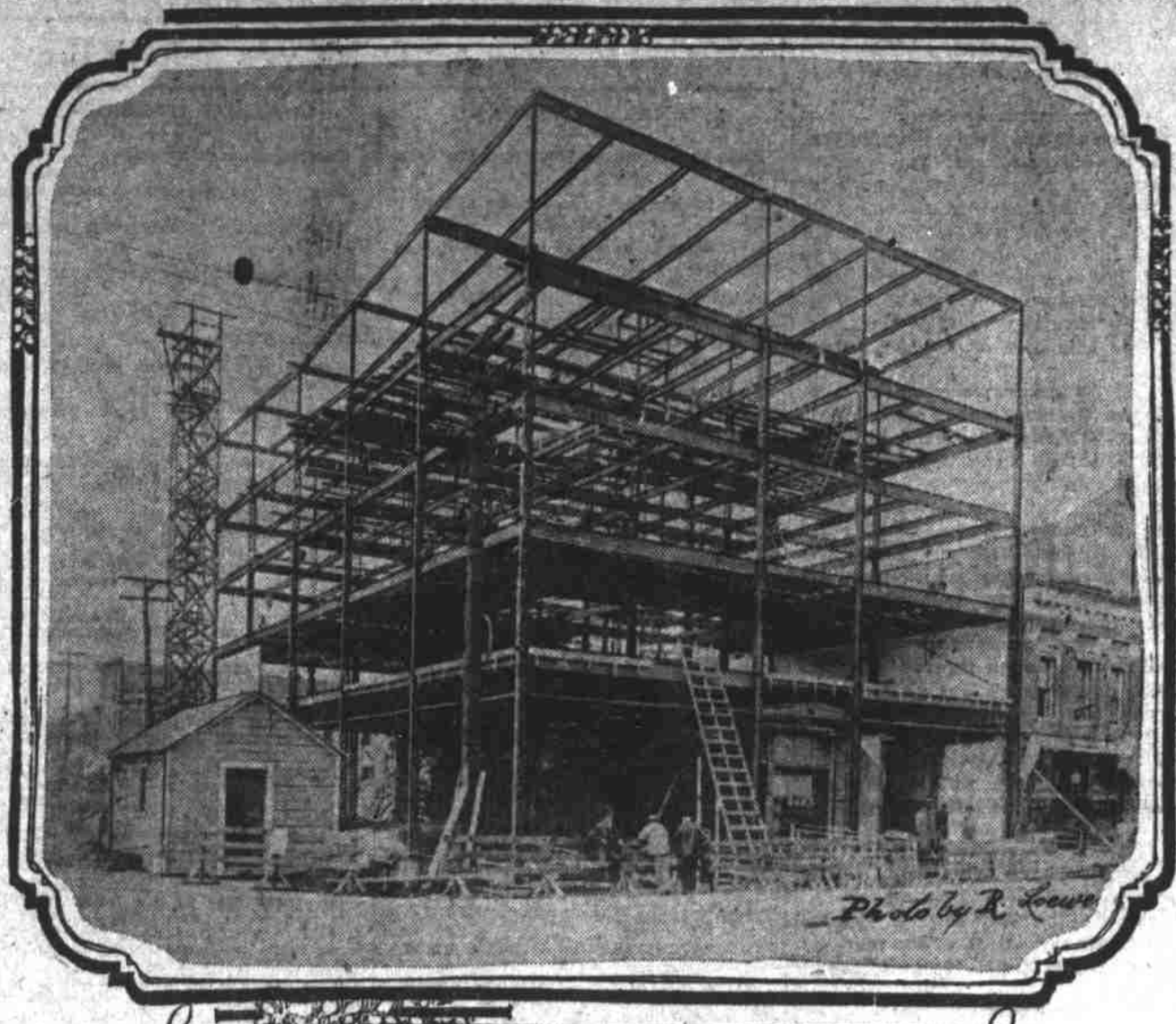
Sultan's Capital and Palace.
Johore is the only state in the peninsula which boasts a coast line upon three of its four sides. It is separated from Singapore by the straits of Johore, about half a mile wide, and connected by a ferry that meets the train of the Singapore railway at the terminus of the line. The capital city, Johore Bharu, is a neat little town on the coast. The sultan's building is the sultan's palace, which presents the exterior appearance of a commodious but cheaply built country house. In its interior, it reflects the love of an eastern king for splendid decoration tempered by the good taste of a man educated in Europe and capable of discrimination between the impressive and the tawdry.

Sultan Ibrahim is fond of living in his palace, and when he is in Johore he prefers his country seat, two miles from the capital. The palace was hospitably open to inspection until the bred tourists incurred the displeasure of his highness by cutting silver from his gilded throne with their jackknives to take home as souvenirs. Nowadays a polite but open-eyed attendant accompanies a visitor through the sultan's chambers, and the sultan himself sees to it that the tourist does not renege on the promise to leave the throne of his highness and that of his sultana sit side by side in an unfurnished room with their backs to the wall as if detesting the vandals.

Town Frankly Wide Open.
Johore Bharu is a "wide open town" in all that the expressive American term implies. It is more candidly wide open than most municipalities. In road and plain English and in letters several inches high, the sign "Gambling House" directs the devotee of chance to places where he may lose his money at faro, roulette and other games. And money is lost in Johore. The gambling houses with an ease and regularity somewhat mystifying to the newly arrived, are packed up in Singapore, there are signs equally as candid as that at the faro and roulette "parlors" inviting the lover of the opium pipe to tarry awhile and dream.

The Safety Valve Argument.
These and other "conveniences" make the capital of Johore a favorite resort for persons from the comparatively godly city of Singapore, where, on the Sabbath, the lid is more or less firmly screwed down by the church-going British. Whether the conveniences of Johore and its proximity to Singapore will tend to create sentiment against its continued independence is a question upon which loyal subjects of Great Britain divide according to their tastes and their opinions as reformers. There are not a few who say that as a safety valve for the release of sinfulness that might otherwise be pent up in Singapore, the Mohammedan capital of his highness Ibrahim the Tolerant has its

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uses. Therefore its wickedness may be the means of safeguarding its political integrity.

A True but Dignified Sport.

The sultan is an up to date prince. He drives a high power French racing car, and has a love of sports equal to that of any of his British acquaintances. He is a monomaniac despite the fact that his religion allows him to contract plural marriages. He wears European clothes and lives like a wealthy gentleman of the olden time. He is especially fond of racing and of backing his judgment at the track, but he has "settled down" considerably under the wise advice of persons who have pointed out the dangers that lie in sowing oats while occupying the throne of a country unable to defend itself, and which is desirable as a tin mine and rubber plantation.

One evidence of the willingness of the sultan of Johore to encourage the industrial development of his country lies in the fact that he is permitting the federated Malay states to build a railroad through his dominions. He has also undertaken rubber growing on a large scale, and may become a rubber king as well as a sultan. If he should now turn his attention to road building and construct feeders for the railroad, Johore might move along in the process with the other Malay states.

High Revenue From Johore.
At present the revenues of Johore are derived chiefly from the Chinese who have settled there, and go mostly into the pockets of the sultan. The country has never been accurately surveyed and its actual area and population are unknown, but roughly speaking it is about as large as three or four counties of average size in the middle west. It is sparsely populated and most of it is jungle, yet the sultan's official income is more than twice the salary of the president of the United States. As there are no roads in Johore, save in the vicinity of the principal city, the few farms upon which the Chinese produce pepper, gambir, and other crops are situated on the coast or along the rivers, so that transportation to market is possible. Tracts that would readily be settled if there were roads are lying idle beneath the primeval jungle.

Range onto His Perquisites.
Johore maintains treaty relations with the British government and a British agent is appointed to reside in the country. A number of Malay assistants in the management of the sultan's governmental affairs, but there is little of interest in the routine work of the government, and no vigorous effort to improve the country.

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Rubber and Tin in Abundance.
Rubber and tin have made many large fortunes in the Federated States. The tin mines are historic yet unexploited. The growing of rubber is a new industry out of which large and comparatively quick returns are to be obtained. In his hand about a country that will produce both rubber and tin, and untrammelled by the laws that hamper capitalists of industry where representative government exists, Sultan Ibrahim might easily become famously rich and at the same time greatly increase the wealth of his subjects.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF MURDER FOR MONEY
Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 2.—In the district court today Mrs. Elizabeth Richmond was given a preliminary hearing on the charge of having murdered Stewart McTavish, whose body was found on July 23, lying on a bed in her room in East Cambridge with a bullet through his right eye and the whole side of his head beaten in with an ax. The woman was found in a dead stupor from liquor

lands and operating also a forest, will grow its own meat, vegetables and wood, and the patients are invited to help in the fields and vineyards, but are not compelled to do so. There is room for 3000 patients.

Mrs. Richmond, the accused woman, has come under the eye of the police for several occasions in the past. About a year ago she was examined by the police in connection with the death of the wife of a Boston merchant who mysteriously expired after a three days' sojourn in the Richmond home. On neither occasion could ground be found on which to base a charge against the woman.

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