

Americans Must Know More About Japan



THE MUTSU

Japan's newest and greatest battleship, regarded as the popular symbol of Japanese naval progress and aspirations. The pride of Japanese naval architects. Reported to have been built largely by the pennies of millions of Japanese children and the voluntary sacrifice of Japanese laborers. Japan is permitted to keep this battleship when the plan of naval reduction is carried into effect.

THE GREAT EMPIRE OF THE PACIFIC

Called into world life by an American Commodore, seizing with avidity upon many new things for its advancement from western civilization, protesting undying friendship for the United States, but struggling with seemingly irreconcilable differences, developed by marvelous leaps into one of the five greatest naval and military powers of the world, and now to become a signatory partner with us and with Britain,

France, and Italy in preserving "peace on earth good will toward men,"---it is imperative for every American to know more about this great Ocean Empire of the East, and to know what has happened in the Seventy Dazzling Years since Commodore Perry knocked at the Mikado's fast-locked door and summoned Japan to take her place in the family of nations. Try to answer the following questions:

DO YOU KNOW

- What our "Gentlemen's Agreement" with Japan is?
- What is the attitude of Canada, Australia, and New Zealand toward Japan?
- How much new territory Japan has annexed in the past 26 years?
- How much Chinese territory is under Japanese "influence"?
- The age of Japan's "civilization" and how little she owes to Europe?
- How extensively the trade of the Pacific is in Japanese hands?
- Why the United States is Japan's best customer?
- How much of the world's silk is produced by Japan?

DO YOU KNOW

- What are the duties of children to parents in Japan?
- The average wage earned by Japanese workers?
- The extent to which modern labor unrest is permeating Japan?
- What Japan's chief food product is?
- What is the family status of a mother-in-law in Japan?
- Who started Japan on the way to become a world power?
- How big an army Japan could raise on short notice?

DO YOU KNOW

- That Japan, which had no dealings with the outside world before 1853, is now one of the world's great commercial powers, with the fourth greatest merchant fleet and a foreign trade of \$2,000,000,000 a year?
- That Japan, which had no banks, no financial system, no credit, in 1868, now has a strong and elaborate financial system with great banks and stock exchanges, holds a billion dollars worth of gold and has such credit abroad that she has been able to borrow over \$750,000,000 from foreigners?

DO YOU KNOW

- What Japan's naval strength is?
- What are the qualifications to vote in Japan?
- What is the real business of the Regent?
- What restrictive laws has Japan against foreigners?
- About woman's rights movement in Japan?
- What are the major forces making for friction between the United States and Japan?
- What influences seek to increase this friction in both countries?

DO YOU KNOW

- How many Japanese there are in the United States?
- How rapidly they are increasing?
- What percentage they form of the population of Hawaii?
- Their number in the Philippines?
- How the "Japanese problem" has influenced legislation in California?

DO YOU KNOW

- How many years old a Japanese child born on December 31st is considered to be on the next day (New Year's)?
- Why a Japanese woman is very much concerned as to whether her horoscope casts her as a cow, rabbit, snake, monkey, or tiger?
- What you will see checked, instead of hats or coats, in the check rooms of Japanese restaurants and theaters?

DO YOU KNOW

- To what extent Japanese art has influenced Western art?
- How far Western education has been adopted in Japan?
- The size of the average Japanese farm, and how it is cultivated?

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