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**AMERICANIZING JAPAN.**

When Japan, in 1889, adopted the idea and practice of a representative government the change from the old system was regarded as a questionable one by those who best knew and understood the conditions in Japan. The people had never been accustomed to take much thought about or any part in national affairs, and the absence of foreigners left the government little to do except to regulate the internal affairs of a nation composed of a quiet, peaceable people.

The adoption of a new and untried form of government simultaneously, almost, with enlarged foreign relations was an experiment that would try the temper of more experienced people than those of Japan. No sooner was the new plan put in practice than the people and the government divided on one question, the treatment of foreigners in the empire. The treaties with foreign nations had practically all been made before the era of representative government, and under them the status of foreigners in Japan had been fixed by the government favorable to the newer civilization. It was a subject upon which the people of the empire had not been consulted. The conservative Japanese are not now, and never have been favorable to outside influence in the country, while the Mikado and government party are friendly to foreigners.

Last January the Mikado dissolved the Japanese parliament, and he was obliged in June to again dissolve that body, the cause being in both cases that parliament was dangerously near the passage of measures that might complicate it with foreign governments, as they already restricted the treaty rights of the foreign residents of Japan, most of whom are Americans. It is charged by the newspapers of the country that the ministers of the cabinet carried for weeks in their pockets decrees dissolving parliament if the measures were likely to pass.

The efforts of the Mikado and the government party to circumvent the popular will may react on the government itself and lead to a revolution. The Mikado cannot long go on dissolving parliaments elected by the people and expressive of their will without a more determined opposition than that at the ballot box. The people as a mass oppose the Americanizing of the country.

The Rev. Drs. E. Benjamin Andrews, George Alexander, James M. King, and Lyman Abbott, have issued an address to the people of the country asking them to impress on their representatives in congress the need of action on the anti-lottery bill. This bill passed the senate some time ago, and is in the hands of the sub-committee of the house judiciary committee, which has thus far taken no action on it. Recent occurrences have shown that existing legislation is inadequate to bring about the complete suppression of lotteries in the United States, and demonstrate the need of a more stringent law in order to protect the people from what is a source of vast demoralization and loss.

Governor Tillman's announcement that the state dispensaries in South Carolina will reopen for the sale of liquor early in August, in spite of the fact that the law under which they were conducted was only a little while ago declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of that commonwealth, is simply another manifestation of the

defiance and contempt with which the laws and the authority of the courts are regarded by the Populists and their leaders. Having found whisky-selling the most prosperous business she has engaged in since her slave auctions were abolished, the Palmetto State is bound that no mere trifle like a constitutional objection shall prevent her from continuing it.

The Northern Sea is threatened with depopulation, since fishing is made by steamers, as shown in a statement recently read by Herr Heinke before the Fisheries Society, of Hamburg, Germany. He explains that when fishing was done by sailboats the nets were taken up more frequently than is done on board the steam smacks, and that the small fry were not smothered in the nets, and could live and grow when thrown back into the sea. It was in contemplation for some time to prohibit fishing to steamboats, but Herr Heinke proposes as more practical the forbidding of the sale of fish below a certain growth, or thickness, to adopt nets with wider meshes, and to practice artificial breeding.

The committee having such matters in charge have opened a correspondence with the several transportation lines running into Astoria, asking for a cheap rate during the regatta. It is hoped that the various companies will comply with the request, as it is desirable that every inducement will be held out for our neighbors to pay us a visit on that occasion. Indeed, it would be a very nice thing on their part, if the said companies would contribute liberally to the regatta fund, for the success of the affair means a great deal to the steamboat lines.

It has been suggested that in conjunction with the yacht races, a program of land sports be added. A good bicycle and foot race would not be a bad feature, but on the contrary would add greatly to the interest and excitement of the occasion.

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