

DYING BY OWN HAND

Baron Komura Said To Be Committing Slow Suicide.

TAKES THE HINT FROM JAPAN

To Return to Japan Would Mean Disgrace to Great Peace Envoy Now in America.

Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 16.—Baron Komura, the Japanese peace plenipotentiary, is committing slow suicide, according to Takashita, manager of a troupe of vaudeville performers now appearing here. Takashita is highly educated and speaks English. In the course of an interview today regarding conditions in Japan, he inquired solicitously regarding the condition of Komura. He was told that it was no worse.

"But he will never get well," replied Takashita slowly. "When the message was clicked over the cable that my countrymen were preparing to receive him with funeral rites, I knew he would never return to Japan. He doubtless had learned this already by private cablegrams.

"It was our nation's way of apprising him that he was in disgrace and that he could only atone for it by showing through his own death that he was still a hero and a patriot. You Americans little realize what hari-kari means to us.

"Komura knew full well that there was but one course left. Knowing that Americans would not understand his act, and that it would be viewed here as a disgrace, he could not commit hari-kari in the usual manner.

"He accordingly had recourse to some of the many powerful though subtle drugs with which Japanese statesmen and soldiers are familiar. It produces fever and makes it appear that he is dying of disease, but when the end comes our countrymen will understand and once more acclaim him hero."

FREE TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

How Farming Communities and Villages May Secure Good Reading.

The Oregon Library commission created by the last legislature has been given a number of traveling libraries which it can loan to library associations in farming communities and small villages. Each of these libraries contains 50 volumes of interesting and wholesome books. It will remain in a community for six months and must then be returned to the commission, to be exchanged for another.

To secure these libraries the people of the community must first organize a library association which shall include at least ten tax payers. They must elect a secretary, who may also act as librarian, and who shall be authorized to act as the agent of the association in dealing with the commission, receiving and returning the libraries, arranging for its location and for loaning the books.

The secretary and president of the association shall make application for a library on a blank furnished by the commission. The applicant must promise to provide shelves in a suitable place, to circulate the books to all responsible people in the community free of charge; to open the library for circulation of books at least once a week; to take good care of the books, being held responsible for payment for lost or injured books; to pay transportation charges to and from the office of the commission. Libraries will be sent by freight in strong packing boxes.

The money for these libraries has been given to the commission by people who are particularly interested in having them in small places. The first applicants and those which will make the best use of the libraries will receive them. The number of libraries is small and the state large. Therefore early application is desirable. While the number of free libraries is at present somewhat limited the commission will make any place a permanent station to receive two libraries a year for at least five years, if it will add one traveling library to the state system. This means that an investment of \$50 will bring \$500 worth of books, and that the community will have the use of all the libraries given to the commission.

For further information write to the secretary of the Oregon Library commission, at the Capitol, Salem. Remember that this commission was created by the legislature to aid public and school libraries and to manage a system of traveling libraries.

Few New Cases.

New Orleans, Sept. 19.—The comparatively few cases reported today added additional encouragement to those in charge of the fever campaign. Among the new cases is Dr. C. M. Shanly, of Barataria, the physician who is in charge of the district of Upper Barataria, in Jefferson parish. He reported the existence of the fever in that territory and was placed in charge by the State Board of Health. He moved to that territory from North Dakota a few years ago, and owns a small plantation there.

Old Ship May Turn Turtle.

Boston, Sept. 19. — The Herald tomorrow will say: The ancient frigate Constitution, familiarly known as the "First ship of the American navy," which has for years been one of the most valued possessions of the Charleston navy yard, is in danger of "turning turtle," and it is learned that the good ship cannot last many years in its present state.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Oats — No. 1 white feed, \$23@24; gray, \$22 per ton.
Wheat — Club, 69@70c per bushel; bluestem, 72@73c; valley, 71.

Barley—Feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$21; rolled, \$22@23.

Rye—\$1.30 per cental.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14@15 per ton; valley timothy, \$11@12; clover, \$8@9; grain hay, \$8@9.

Fruits—Apples, \$1@1.50 per box; peaches, 60c@1.15 per crate; plums, 50@75c; cantaloupes, 50c@1.25; pears, \$1@1.25 per box; watermelons, 1/4@1c per pound; crabapples, \$1 per box; blackberries, \$2 per crate; huckleberries, 8c per pound.

Vegetables—Beans, 1@4c per pound; cabbage, 1@1 1/4c; cauliflower, 75@90c per dozen; celery, 75@90c; corn, 8@9c; cucumbers, 10@15c; pumpkins, 1 1/4@1 1/2c per pound; tomatoes, 25@30c per crate; squash, 5c per pound; turnips, \$1.25@1.40 per sack; carrots, \$1.25@1.50; beets, \$1@1.25.

Onion—Oregon, 90c@1 per sack; Globe, 75c.

Potatoes—Oregon extra fancy, 65@75c per sack.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@30c per pound.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 26@27 1/2c per dozen.

Poultry—Average old hens, 13 1/2@14c per pound; mixed chickens, 13@13 1/2c; old roosters, 9@10c; young roosters, 11@12c; springs, 13 1/2@14c; dressed chickens, 14c; turkeys, live, 20@21c; geese, live, 8@9c; ducks, 13@14c.

Hops—Nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon average best, 19@21c; lower grades down to 15c, according to shrinkage; valley, 25@27c; mohair, choice, 30c per pound.

Beef—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers, 4@4 1/2c.

Veal—Dressed, 3@8c per pound.

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