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## JAPENESE START WARSHIPS SHEL

IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS BEING PUSHED WITH ENERGY.

Resident-General of Hermit Kingdom Issues Pamphlet to Justify Occupancy by Little Brown Men.

Washington, Aug. 7 .- The Far Eastern mails just arrived confins a pamphlet issued from the Japanese resident-general of Korea entitled "Administrative Reforms in Korea," designed to vindicate the work of the Japanese in the Hermit Kingdom under the authority conferred by the Japanese-Korean agreement of 1904, whereby Japan was constituted adviser to Korea. The document treats of the financial difficulties that confronted Marquis Ito at the outset, owing to the inadequacy of the Korean exchequer to bear the cost of reforms. He succeeded in raising a loan from the Japanese Industrial Bank of 10,000,000 yen, guaranteed by the customs receipts, bearing interest at 6 1/2 per cent and sold at 90 yen per 100 yen. The money realized was distributed in the reconstruction of roads, in building water works, establishing an educational system, the creation of banks and erection of hospitals. It is said the Korean roads were totally unfit for horse and carriage travel, so that it became necessary to allot 1,500,000 yen in laying out four great roads to travers the regions of best promise and connect the best harbors and railway centers.

Prior to the residency there was in vogue a Confucian educational method, whereby a village dominie called about him the children of the neighborhood and taught them the rudiments of reading and writing. There were 10,000 of these schools and at Seoul an institute of higher Confucian learning. A primary school ordinance, promulgated in 1905, was a dead letter, and the middle grade schools in Seoul, with the exception of one in foreign languages, existed in name only. An entirely new system has been established, first importance being given to disseminating common education under Japanese instructors. The existing hospitals, defective in management and limited in accommodations and equipment, have been consolidated into the "Great Korean Hospital." The police department, which had really been in triplicate, has been unified.

Of the remarkable attempt at purification of the imperial court the pamphlet, after painting a striking picture of the corruption and cloth that existed, describes the reform measures adopted and says:

court circles there were no boubt, some at first felt alarm at this radical turn of affairs, but the sterling sincerity of the residentgeneral's solicitude becoming gradually better known, the force of resentment has since slackened, until no voice is now heard in active opposition.

"The way in which justice had been administered in Korea," it is stated, "is too revolting in all sense of decency to be told in detail."

The country has not yet attained that stage when the executive and judicial departments are important, so the system of justice is regarded as a thing to be farmed out; bribery is general, innocent people are convicted and their property confiscated and the guilty are liberated. All this, says the pamphlet, is being reformed by the Japanese.

In conclusion the pamphlet says the Japanese have provided the Koreans with a code of laws regulating the development of native mines, providing for the protection of immigrants and encouraging the development of productive industries.

### Old Engineer Killed.

Chicago, Aug. 7 .- Charles H. Banta, the oldest engineer on the Illinois Central railroad, was struck by an engine and instantly killed while crossing the tracks yesterday. For forty-four years Banta has driven or stoked engines over the tracks on which he met his death and had surwived four wrecks without injury. Banta, who was 62 years of age, was struck by a train which he had himself driven for ten years. He was

Value of Good Roads The farmer is by no means the only one who benefits by good highways. Every town merchant is vitalby concerned in the good roads movement, whether he is aware of the fact

FRANCO-SPANISH FORCE CLEARS CITY OF HOSTILE TRIBESMEN AND GUARD CONSULATES.

During the Engagement Over One Hundred and Fifty Natives Meet Death.

London, Aug. 7 .- A special dispatch received here from Tangier, describing the bombardment of Casa Blanca, says that the French cruiser Du Chayla and the Spanish gunboat Don Alvaro de Bazan participated with the Galilee in the bombardment of the villages surrounding Casa Blanca, which were destroyed by the fire of the warships. During the bombardment large reinforcements of tribesmen came up and many of them were killed or wounded. The Casa Blanca battery joined in the firing upon the foreign warships. whereupon the guns of the French and Spanish cruisers were turned upon the battery, which soon caused the Moorish commander to send a messenger to the French admiral requesting his pardon. This was refused and the admiral sent a peremptory order to the Moorish commander to surrender himself to the French

According to another special dispatch from Tangler, about 150 Moors are said to have been killed in the town, battery and villages around Casa Blanca during the bombardment of the foreign warships. The Casa Blanca battery was reduced to ruins by the warships' shells.

Landing Parties Are Fired Upon. Tangier, Aug. 7.—The French cruiser Galilee was bombarding the Moorish quarter of Casa Blanca and the neighborhood of the city when the last steamer, which has just arrived here, left that port. The Kabyles attacked Casa Blanca and the Moorish authorities appealed to the commander of the Galilee for assistance. He thereupon landed sixty men and a Spanish cruiser landed forty. This landing party was fired upon by the Babyles and seven Frenchmen, including an officer, were wounded. The combined Franco-Spanish force thereupon cleared the city of hostile tribesmen, guards were placed about the foreign Consulates and then the Galilee opened fire with her big guns upon the rebels.

Troops for Morocco. Oran, Algieria, Aug. 7.-The French armored cruisers Glorio, Jeanne d'Arc, Conde and Guedon today embarked detachments of artillery and the foreign legation and a battalion of sharpshooters and sailed for Morocco.

Prepared for Action.

Madrid, Aug. 7 .- The garrison of Algeciras has been ordered to be placed on a war footing, with the view of sending troops from there to

French Protect Germans.

Berlin, Aug. 7 .- A dispatch from Tangler today says that the German Charge at Tangier called the attention of the French Charge d'Affaires to the dangerous position of foreigners at Mazagan, on the west coast of Morocco, and that the French official directed a French cruiser to proceed to Mazagan. The many Germans at Mazagan, most of whom live outside the gates, will be protected by the French warships.

No Outside Power.

Paris, Aug. 7. - Foreign Minister Pichon and the Spanish Ambassador here, Senor Leon y Castillo, have agreed to the Franco-Spanish note informing the Powers signatory of the Algeeiras convention, including the United States, of the intention of France and Spain to keep within the terms of the convention. The situation after the lauding of troops at Casa Blanca will largely determine the subsequent measures to be taken by France and Spain. No outside power is expected to co-operate with the two powers mentioned. The French Government has no confirmation of the reports that British or German warships are on their way to Morocco

Transport for Morocco. Algiers, Aug. 7 .- The French transport Nive sailed today for Morocco with detachments of light cavalry and sharpshooters on board.

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### WOMAN WHO TALKED "PARK"

Scheme to Secure Her City a Beauti ful Pleasure Ground.

Had it not been for a woman's idea Bay City, Mich., would probably not now be preparing to convert a nine acre strip of river front, occupied by business houses, into a public park, says the Detroit Free Press. The woman is Mrs. Alfred E. Bousfield, wife of one of the wealthiest residents of Bay City. Mr. Bousfield is one of the three men who brought the \$250,000 hotel and auditorium project to a successful issue.

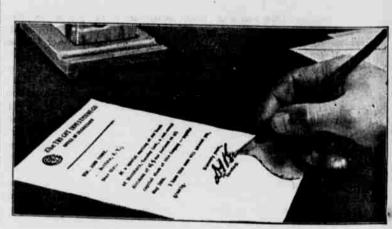
The day the old Fraser House burned Mrs. Bousfield began talking "park" in earnest to her husband. The latter became impressed with the idea, and he broached it to S. O. Fisher, president of the board of trade, and C. A. Eddy. his associates in the hotel project. The three gentlemen presented the scheme to the public, and it was ratified at the polls election day by a 4 to 1 vote. As a result of Mrs. Bousfield's idea the new hotel will cost \$50,000 more than originally planned, fourteen new business blocks in the business district are in the bands of the architects, over \$400,000 has changed hands in downtown realty, business property has increased in value from 25 to 100 per cent, and buildings valued at \$125,000

are to be torn down. Interest in the hotel and park proposition, however, had aroused people generally in matters of civic improvement, and Mrs. Bousfield, always more or less interested in municipal improvement work by local clubs, took a leading part in the organization of the new Woman's Civic Improvement league. She threw open her home on Center avenue for meetings, to which women of all classes of society were invited. Other wives of wealthy men followed the example, and now the membership of the league is mounting rapidly to ward the thousand mark.

Absolute democracy prevails among the members, and women who have never before known each other owing to differences in the social scale are working hand in hand. They have overthrown all municipal precedents, made a grand assault on the council and secured the aid of the city in cleaning up the town, the city furnishing cost the teams to haul away the accumulation of a winter's debris from all private residences.

Earthquake Shock Felt. Santiago de Chile, Aug. 7 .- An earthquake shock was felt yesterday at Valpariso.

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