

ENGLISH VIEWS OF JAP WAR

London Paper Says Mikado
May Start War on United
States Over Land Law.

London, May 17.—"Should war break out the sympathies of Australia, New Zealand and Western Canada would be violently on the side of the United States," says the Pall Mall Gazette today in discussing the California alien land owner ship controversy. The newspaper considers it would be a grave mistake to underestimate the chances of a conflict between the United States and Japan. It says, "The opinion that the Japanese will never go to war to enforce their treaty rights in California is one of those dangerous generalities which lead nations blundering to the brink of the pit."

Mr. Bourne Explains his \$3,000,000,000 Road Plans.

Washington.—"Expenditure of \$3,000,000,000 by the government and the several states for highway improvement is at first thought a startling proposition, even though the expenditure be distributed over a period of 50 years, but when we consider the magnitude of the interests affected, it will be seen to be a wise investment," said Jonathan Bourne Jr. in discussing a plan for road improvement which he has submitted to the joint committee on federal aid in the construction of post roads.

"There are in the United States some 890,000,000 acres of farms worth about \$39,000,000,000. There are some 22,000,000 working horses and mules on these farms, costing annually for feed and keep about \$1,750,000,000. With good roads will come substitution of traction for horse power, with a probable saving of a billion a year."

"My plan contemplates the expenditure of \$1,000,000,000 for road construction and \$40,000,000 a year for 50 years for maintenance by the government and the states making a total of \$3,000,000,000 in 50 years."

"If the expenditure for construction increased the value of the farms only three per cent, the owners would get back immediately in property values more than the amount of the investment. If the amount expended annually for road maintenance reduced the cost of hauling 50 per cent the saving would cover the cost of maintenance. In my opinion, the adoption of my plan would double the total value of farms and reduce the cost of road hauling 75 per cent."

"As a plain business proposition, expenditures on road construction and maintenance offer larger returns on the investment than anything else of which I am aware. In my opinion, roads are of far greater economic and social importance than pending tariff and currency legislation combined."

Cheap Ford Autos.

Ford automobiles are to sell at \$250 each next season, and this big reduction is brought about through the purchase or at least control of the manufactory by John D. Rockefeller, whose only reservation when selling the machines at such a low price is that they use Standard Oil lubricants and gasoline. This news was given out this week in Portland and is likely to cause a big slump in the purchase of Fords for the remainder of the season, since people who are planning to have an auto can control the "bug" easily when they see a saving of \$500 coming their way.—Marshfield Record.

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LEARNING JUJUTSU.

One Lesson is to Be Strangled and Then Resuscitated.

Mastery of the art of jujutsu requires a drilling such as no boxer, fencer, runner or rower would need to undertake. The mind "must permeate the entire body from the head to the extremities," and to this end the body must first be brought under absolute control. The pupil is injured to the extremes of heat and cold, and the virtue of perseverance is cultivated by special exercises for the summer and special exercises for the winter, says the author of "The Fighting Spirit of Japan." For the former the hottest month of the year, August, and the hottest time of the day, from 1 p. m. are chosen, and for the latter, commencing in January, the pupils start wrestling at 4 in the morning and keep it up until 7 or 8.

Two great competitions are held in the year, and in these historic contests "it is quite a common thing for 400 couples to participate." "Speaking from long personal experience," says Mr. Harrison, "I can state that the 'shoto' is a genuine mental as well as physical ordeal for the participant. In the case of the more advanced students, who come on at a later hour, there is all the horror of anticipation to be contended against. As one enters the building the only sounds to greet the ear are the dull and sickening thuds which proclaim successive falls, the deep breathing and panting of the contestants and the staccato tones of the umpires as they declare victory or defeat."

For the student who wins his bout and continues his progress until he passes as a pupil teacher there is another test of courage and endurance. He must be strangled and resuscitated. "The idea at the bottom of this seemingly cold blooded procedure is both to steel the victim's nerves and round off his experience, as it were, and to afford the newly promoted members an opportunity of putting into practice certain forms of 'kwappo' (the system of resuscitation), which are demonstrated by an expert teacher before strangulation takes place."

SAHARA IN A TUMULT.

Fury of a Desert Storm and a Quick Transformation.

On our way we encountered that terrible experience, a desert storm. It came down upon us with hardly any premonition, save of an oppressive stillness of the air and a stifling temperature. Then all of a sudden the whole Sahara seemed to rise into the air and pelt us with its sands and pebbles. Within five minutes my mouth was parched with thirst and my watch choked with sand. The din of the storm was indescribable, and the flying particles stung like whiplashes on hand and face. Our horses were nearly mad with fright. For four hours the insufferable choking wind blew with its scorching breath, and then the heavens opened and emptied what seemed to be half the Mediterranean on our devoted heads. From parching heat the temperature sank to a little above freezing in a few minutes, and then the rain came down like a sluice, the great drops splashing the sand back up to our horses' bellies.

Finally the storm vanished as quickly as it had come, and the sun came out and smiled at our sad plight. Without a word we all stripped to the buff and wrung out our water logged garments. As we sat our poor horses like centaurs, waiting for the sun to dry our clothes, I caught Abd er Rahman's eye, and for the first and last time heard him laugh aloud. For a full minute we sat rocking in our saddles with mirth, until gradually our wits and our bodily warmth came back to us. I do not pretend to know how these things happen, but almost within an hour or two the desert all about us was green with little plants springing into life, and in the pools formed by the water in the hollows frogs were croaking the miraculous fact of their existence to a sunlight world.—Wide World Magazine.

Fillet of Sole Is Rare.

A dish called fillet of sole often appears on the bills of fare of American restaurants, but it is very rarely sole. It is almost always flounder. For the sole does not swim in our waters, and the only way an American chef can get sole is from the ice box of an Atlantic liner that has just arrived from Europe, and then it is at least a week old. Sole is a far daintier fish than flounder, and it must be eaten very fresh to be any good.—New York World.

A Bit of Sarcasm.

"Is that your regular suit of clothes, Josh?" asked Farmer Cornotossel of his son.
"It is. Correct thing right from a fashion plate."
"Well, well! I thought maybe you had to wear it because some of your college chums is hazin' you."—Washington Star.

Henpecked.

"We're terribly henpecked, pa, ain't we?"
"Why, what do you mean, my boy?"
"Well, ma makes me wash my hands before I come to the supper table, and she makes you wash yours before you hook her up the back."—Detroit Free Press.

Literature.

"Do you consider literature an art or a science?" asked the very serious girl.
"Neither," replied Mr. Penwiggie. "It's a great big gamble, in which anybody is permitted to write his own lottery ticket."—Washington Star.

UNCLE SAM IN GOOD ROAD WORK

Bill to Pay For Carrying Mail
Over Highways.

TURNED DOWN BY SENATE.

Was Believed to Be Impractical—Many Things to Be Considered in National Legislation on Subject of Improvement—Four Principal Problems.

Scarcely any public work is more permanent in its character when once undertaken than that of highway improvement. When a road is once located it is difficult to change its location. When once a foundation has been laid for a permanent highway the laying of a new foundation necessitates reconstruction of the entire surface.

It is therefore important that before entering upon a plan of national participation in highway construction we should adopt a definite and comprehensive plan based upon anticipation of needs and operations for many years to come, in order that we may be certain the money expended and the work done in one year will co-ordinate with the expenditures and constructive work of the next year and for many years to come. Care in planning a system and methods of procedure may save us millions of dollars of waste or bring vastly greater results than would be attained under an ill considered and haphazard action.

In the last postoffice appropriation bill the house inserted a provision, after the bill had been reported from the committee and while it was under discussion on the floor of the house, providing the classification of roads used for the carrying of United States mails and for the payment by the government of an annual sum as rental in consideration of the fact that the government uses these highways.

Such payments were to be either \$15, \$20 or \$25 a mile, according to the character of the road over which the mails were transported.

This provision was rejected by the senate for several reasons. First, it did not provide that the federal ap



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propositions should be expended in highway improvements; second, it established the policy of obligating the government to pay to local communities compensation for the use of highways in conducting the rural free delivery service—a service that is conducted at a great loss to the government and for the special benefit of the communities served; third, it was the beginning of a system of compensation which had not been carefully considered, but which when once adopted would certainly grow to immense proportions.

Believing that the government should not enter upon any policy of participation in highway construction without first giving careful attention to every phase of the subject, the senate rejected this provision and inserted a substitute, directing the appointment of a joint committee of the two houses for the study of the entire question and the drafting of such legislation as may meet the approval of the committee.

In legislating upon the subject of national participation in road improvement four different problems must be solved:

First.—To devise a plan that shall insure an equitable distribution of the funds of the different sections of the United States.

Second.—To determine whether the money should be expended in the construction of main arteries for interstate commerce or to be expended upon local branch lines that will serve merely as feeders for railroads.

Third.—To devise a plan of co-operation with the different states that will be acceptable to them and insure the co-operation of all with the federal government.

Fourth.—To throw round the national funds such safeguards as will insure their proper expenditure and guard against waste.—Senator Bourne in Saturday Evening Post.

No Good There.

The road drag will do nothing to improve the highway so long as it lies unused at the side of the road.



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Bandon Resources.

Editor Recorder: Inability to sit up late hours prevent me of the pleasure to call now and then at your Commercial Club to hear of the propositions to advance the welfare of Bandon and its community.

For business men in town it is perhaps lack of time to see into matters beyond their own locality and still there are so many natural resources in the neighborhood of this section which directly or indirectly would greatly benefit all inhabitants not only of Bandon but would include the whole Coquille Valley, that to my opinion intelligent and energetic members of the community need only the impulse to take up some of such advantages go ahead with it, reap bountiful reward and benefit the public at large. With my now failing physical powers I now take the liberty to write to you, if possible for publication, of such resources.

In doing so I will begin right in the midst of town. Here we find one of the greatest wastes in our sawmills, for instance, imperfect boards are cut up for firewood while if made into plaster straps, or if larger than for such purposes, and shipped to wood barren countries, not as raw material but manufactured into building material and parts of houses finished here then sold and sent away as such is done in other localities.

Sawdust is a total waste which in other sections is distilled for wood alcohol and used as producer of light in lamps, for fuel in stoves and in many industrial ways.

Cedar sawdust, and in particular the old stumps from former giants of cedar are full of cedar oil and as such is a very valuable product and should not be destroyed as is done now by burning them up in the clearings. Since the late advances in science and surgery cedar oil has become in great demand.

Fish canneries should not be allowed to throw all the waste of salmon or unsound fish into the river, but either sell such to the

manufacturers of fertilizer or to civilization has well managed to destroy the greatest portion of our most valuable timber, barren are thousands of acres of land only good for a poor pasture for stock of a limited number.

Enterprising Californians have taken steps in the right direction by reforesting such location with the eucalyptus tree, often called "blue gum." Any land per acre, planted with such trees and with but little effort, is worth in ten years from planting 1000 dollars. A full description of this I have some time ago handed to your former secretary, Mr. Poole. Find it and get very valuable information.

For this time allow me to close. If I find such articles are appreciated I shall have more to say in the future.

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