

Japan's Skyrocket Rise Is Recounted; Little Nation Must Have Foreign Trade

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Japan. The warfare that followed was inevitable.

With Gandhi-like passiveness, China's uncounted millions dealt Japan a body blow. If you want to cast aside all considerations of justice, etc., and get right down to the cold economics of things, you must admit that there was nothing else for Japan to do but fight—or starve.

At the same time, they are cocky and ruthless. Their history has made them so. In a little over 75 years—within the lifetime of many men who are living today—the Japanese have progressed from a nation of semi-barbarians to a world power.

There is nothing comparable to it in all history. Since 1853, when Commodore Perry and his American gunboats entered Uraga harbor and demanded that the empire trade with the world—coasting forever its policy of isolation—Japan has progressed farther than America progressed between the days of Christopher Columbus and Theodore Roosevelt. Only the motion of a skyrocket can be likened to that of this ancient race which, after sleeping centuries as a hermit empire, finally rose with screaming suddenness to find its place in the sun.

The story goes back a long, long way.

Centuries before Christ, the forebears of these islanders crossed from the Asiatic mainland. They conquered the Yama-land tribes, but—like the Huns and others who invaded ancient England—were absorbed by them. Thus, a new race was born.

Through long dead centuries they lived practically unisolated by the rest of the world. They had their own civilization.

In the 17th century, the galleons of Europe began to seek trade in the remote Pacific. In the wake of trade, came Christian missionaries. Emperor Iyeyasu encouraged foreign trade, but viewed the missionary enterprise as a political danger that would pave the way for foreign aggression.

Upon the emperor's death in 1817, his son issued an edict against Christianity. He ordered expulsion of all foreign priests and made it an offense, punishable by death by burning, for any Japanese to become a Christian or to deal with Christian missionaries.

Many missionaries refused to leave Japan. Many Japanese refused to give up their newly acquired Christian faith. Ancient Japanese history speaks mysteriously of 200,000 persons being "punished." Catholic church records list 1400 to 1500 martyrs; there are definite records that 11 foreign priests were burned to death and 300 others beheaded.

Intermittent trading, principally with the Dutch and Portuguese, continued, but in 1825

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FARM LEADERS ASK REMOVAL OF BOARD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, (AP)—Farm leaders today demanded abolition of the federal farm board and substitution of a price fixing plan to be administered by the secretary of agriculture.

Under the new plan farm products prices would be regulated by consideration of all domestic consumption needs, upon production costs and a fair return to the farmer.

The example of one farmer who got 75 cents net out of the sale of seven sheep after deduction of commissions was cited before the senate agriculture committee by John Simpson, national president of the Farmers' Union. He advocated adoption of the bill of Representative Elmer Thomas, democrat, Oklahoma, or a similar bill by Senator James Byrnes, democrat, South Carolina, to substitute the price-fixing scheme for the board.

Figures of the 1929 census reveal that there are 13,929,600 foreign-born people in the United States.

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MODOC COLONEL, WRITER HONORED

ALTURAS, Calif.—Colonel Wm. Thompson, retired newspaper man, was receiving the congratulations of his friends here Monday on the occasion of his 85th birthday, as he spent the day quietly at home with his daughter and grandchildren. Thompson resigned from his office as justice of the peace last year, with the intention of spending the winter in Yolo county and vicinity, but the call of the mountain country in which he had spent his life, proved too strong for him, and he returned home after a few weeks' stay.

Colonel Thompson is as well known throughout Southern Oregon as in Northern California, engaging in the newspaper business in several Oregon cities in the 18th century in the early days of the West, and at one time being associated with Joaquin Miller for a couple of years.

Crossing the plains by ox team with his parents as a small boy in 1852, he suffered all the hardships of the early Oregon pioneers, and while still a boy in his teens joined an expedition against the marauding Snake Indians, where he won some renown as a crack shot and good Indian fighter. This experience later served him in good stead, when he was called by Governor Grover of Oregon to take part in the Modoc Indian war of 1872-73, through which campaign he served as the personal representative of the Oregon governor. Later he took part in the Bannock Indian campaign with General O. O. Howard.

As newspaper editor in Eugene, Ore., Thompson had much to do with the founding of the university at that place. In memory of his services he was honored by that city a few years ago as a special guest and one of the leaders in the celebration of the Natron railroad cutoff.

Woman Honored On 75th Birthday

ALTURAS, (Modoc Co.)—Mrs. Josephine Slippy of this place, invited to spend the afternoon at the home of a friend, Mrs. Jake Gysin, found herself the guest of honor among a group of friends who had gathered in honor of her 75th birthday.

Mrs. Slippy has resided here for 45 years, being formerly a resident of Nevada. For many years she resided on the Slippy ranch near this city with her late husband, Isaac Slippy, a Civil War veteran. The local parlor of Native Daughters of the Golden West also presented Mrs. Slippy with a gift on her recent birthday.

LAST FIGHTING KING
George II, king of Great Britain from 1727 to 1760, was the last British sovereign to take active part in a military campaign and to participate in battle. He fought at Oudenarde in 1708, at the age of 25. His last battle was against the French on June 27, 1743.

A female alligator often lays 60 or more eggs, piling them in layers of about ten each.

Hunters Arrested In Modoc County

ALTURAS, Calif.—Four Klamath Falls men, enjoying a week-end deer hunt, were interrupted in their diversion by Game Warden Fred Starr, who arrested them and arraigned them before Justice of the Peace George W. Courtright.

The four men, who pleaded guilty to the charge, were Byron and Emerson Ross, Marvin Pipkin and Henry Sanders. The hunters had two freshly killed does in their possession and were brought to the jail here by Starr to serve the 50-day sentence meted out to them in the Dry Lake justice court.

Deer at this time of the year are as easy to kill as domestic stock, since they are yarded up and have little fear of man.

Fort Klamath

FORT KLAMATH, Ore.—The Crater Lake lodge of Yeomen met in regular business session in the C. I. clubhouse, Wednesday evening. Later in the evening cards were enjoyed. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Emma Gordon and Myrtle B. Wimer.

Among local residents who made the trip to Bend Saturday to participate in the annual ski events were Misses Ida and Vinnie Briscoe, John Schmor, Leon Bishop and Rudy Lueck.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Moon spent Tuesday shopping at the county seat.

Local residents who were shopping in Klamath Falls Monday were Mrs. Ray Taylor, Mrs. Gae Page, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Denton, George Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vigue and Mrs. Glen Ferguson.

Production of rayon is steadily increasing in Japan and has reached a monthly output of about 4,000,000 pounds.

BIG VALLEY AREA ASSURED OF WATER

BIEBER, Calif., Feb. 4.—Big Valley, comprising more than 100,000 acres of agricultural and grazing land surrounding Bieber, has received such a plentiful supply of rain and snow in the last three months that there is believed to be enough moisture already stored on and in the ground to assure good crops and pasture for this year.

Three and a half feet of snow and two inches of rain fell at Bieber in December and January, according to measurements by Mrs. George Cary, state-federal cooperative weather observer here. Precipitation on the timbered mountain slopes encircling the valley is known to have been much greater. This winter's new moisture was added to a foot or more of snow that fell on Big Valley in November and heavy rains in late October.

Daily thaws and nightly freezes were the rule in Bieber. There was only one night in December and January when the mercury stayed above the frost point, and only nine days in the two months when the temperature did not rise above freezing. The warmest weather was 48 on January 3, and the coldest was 5 below zero, January 21.

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