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The Time Has Come to Face the Facts.

The following article by Samuel Hill, president of twelve railroads and son of the late James J. Hill, builder of the Great Northern, appeared in the Business Chronicle, published in Seattle, on September 25:

THE world is menaced by the terror of unrestrained might. The power let loose, which was first manifested through German attack, is still at large; so far from being subdued, that power has gathered in strength, and now threatens to engulf the world. Under the name of Bolshevism, it fights in Asia; Japan has resolutely set herself against the attempt to de-nationalize the world. For her own benefit, yes, but for our benefit and the benefit of the world Japan makes this fight.

The power of the Catholic Church on the one hand, and the power of the great organization known as Free Masons on the other, each alike stand for the protection of life and property; so as well the Protestant churches, but their organization is not as efficient.

Just as Seattle fought this attempt in the great strike, so now Seattle should organize to fight for herself, for the State, for the Nation, and for the world. Seattle has always stood for the open door for China, for Japan and for Russia. She has treated the Jews, Japanese and the Chinese, seeking refuge here, alike with consideration; in doing so, she has done her duty. Occupying the middle ground, with California on the south unwisely attempting to embroil the Nation in an Asiatic question, and with British Columbia on the other side recognizing the helpful assistance of the Japanese, the East Indians and the Chinese in the late great World War, Seattle must decide what her position will be.

When California drove out the Chinese, Seattle's prominent citizens met and defended these men at the danger of their own lives. The very men who performed this heroic act, and others with them, helped to make Seattle a city. The other powerful factors which co-operated were the transportation companies, the railroads from the East and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamships from Japan and Asia. It has often been pointed out that the bulk of Seattle's business lay in the Orient.

A body of men, whom I do not hesitate to characterize as agitators (pure and simple) led by men who never constructed anything in their lives, who are purely non-constructive, have been seeking at this time, a time of political unrest, to embroil our city and our State with the nations to the east of us. Americans should remember that national questions are settled by the national government, and that the policy so determined upon must be carried out by the individual states. That matter was settled between the years 1861 and 1865.

I believe that the interests of Japan, of Canada and of the United States are mutual, so far as the trade of Russia and Siberia are concerned. If this trade does not come this way, if it does go to Germany, we will never share in it. The same is true of the great field of opportunity which is open to us in China, of which Mr. Lamont speaks so well in the "Current Issues of the Day." You cannot strike a man in the face, and at the same time ask him to trade with you. We must either be friendly with the Orient, or we must isolate ourselves.

The Pacific States of California, Oregon, Washington and the province of British Columbia cannot grow without reaching out to the East.

I am tired of this talk about the "yellow peril." It is just as well for us to sit down for a moment and consider the "white peril."

For more than a quarter of a century I have studied conditions in the Orient, and I am quite sure if we conduct ourselves as good neighbors, we will have good neighbors, and the time has now arrived for the city of Seattle to speak in no uncertain voice, and declare where she stands. If she stands with those who build up, who are constructive, she will become a great city, and will help to make Washington a great State. Incidentally, she will render service to the Nation and the world. If she attempts the policy of exclusion, the policy of repression, the policy of not keeping her engagements, she will fail.

I believe that when the people of Seattle understand this question they will rally just as they once did to protect the Chinese, and the old spirit of doing the right thing because it is right will prevail.

Public Opinion in Japan.

The following is a free translation of an editorial in Japanese published in The Japanese American News on September 24:

PUBLIC opinion in Japan regarding anti-Japanese activities in California appears to be boiling. This is only natural, as formal negotiations regarding this problem are going forward, and public opinion always backs such negotiations. As is usual, the tone of some of the opinions expressed is far too radical. But even these mistaken, radical views, as compared with the opinions expressed by the California press, are mild and gentlemanly. If these red-hot Japanese public opinions go further, what will be their effect upon Japanese-American relations?

We feel that the more Japanese public opinion boils over the worse will become the anti-Japanese activities in this State and the greater the determination to pass the land ownership referendum. When this movement was not progressing as smoothly as had been expected, the leaders took advantage of the unofficial warning of the Japanese government. These men appear to have found a fund for their activities, which have increased recently.

These impassioned leaders may be expected to go further and further as the discussion in Japan waxes hotter and hotter. That is the psychology of the initiative movement.

Since the Japanese and American governments have been seeking a solution of the problem the situation is quite changed. The sentiments of the people in the eastern part of the country and those west of the Rocky Mountains are quite different, particularly in the Pacific Coast States. The people in the East do not accept the Japanese problem as an issue. The American government understands the situation well, and it may be taken for granted that the Japanese government will be properly treated by the government of the United States.

But it must be kept in mind that when the problem shall have been transferred from the local to the federal government, the government of the State of California surely will seek to have the federal government espouse its cause. Already the Californian statesmen are circulating their propaganda in the East. Both parties are trying to win the fall election. They are grasping at straws, like drowning men, to win votes for their party.

This makes the situation more delicate than ever. The only thing for Japan to do is to hold to her course. She must assert what she feels is right and just, and in doing this she must be firm.

As for the Japanese here in California, they must protect their livelihood. They should not be discouraged, but should take a strong stand for the protection of their rights. If the referendum is enacted the Japanese will still have recourse to the courts. Mr. Chester Rowell of Fresno has said the proposed referendum will not affect the Japanese, as there are other ways. We agree with him. The passing of the referendum would not in itself wipe out the standing of the Japanese in California.

The anti-Japanese movement will not cease for some time, although its acuteness will be softened. We must be thoroughly prepared for whatever happens, and we must not lose sight of the principles of right and justice. The second generation is growing up; they will have something to contribute to the cause.

Invasive the Big City.

The San Francisco Real Estate Board recently announced that Japanese capital was invading this city and had purchased an apartment house. Discussing this new anti-Japanese offensive, The Japanese American News said, in Japanese, last Wednesday:

WE HAVE found that one Isoe Nakashima of Reedley, Fresno County, sold his 120-acre vineyard for \$200,000 and contracted to pay \$250,000 for three lots and a six-story apartment house in Bush street, between Stockton and Powell streets. We do not know why this purchase aroused the Real Estate Board. However, on account of race prejudices, the people in that neighborhood do not want any Japanese in their vicinity and are opposing possession of this real estate by Japanese.

There are many examples in San Francisco of owners or tenants of property who are willing to rent houses to Japanese, but agents and other middlemen oppose them. On account of past experiences we are not at all surprised at the action of the Realty Board.

But the State of California, by enactment of law, is trying to drive the Japanese from the farms. It is doubtful if the proposed referendum could drive the Japanese entirely from the farms or whether American farmers really want this done. We have our own ideas on the subject. But, there is nothing we can do so far as the proposed referendum is concerned. If it shall be voted and the Japanese shall be driven from the farms, then their

WHEN THIS OLD WORLD
WAS YOUNG.

(Continued from Last Saturday.)

WHILE Emperor Ichijo was on the throne the people of Kyoto were much exercised about a demon living on Mount Oye. This demon appeared sometimes as a human being and raided Kyoto homes, carrying away sons and daughters. Then the demon would make his way back to his mountain fastness, he would make sport of them, and then he and his goblin hordes would hold a great feast and devour their captives as African savages are supposed to eat missionaries. Even the sacred court was not exempt from the monster's visitations and one day Kintoki lost his beautiful daughter. Shutendoji, the goblin King, had made away with her.

The Emperor on hearing this sad news at once called his courtiers together. How should the dreadful monster be stopped? His ministers declared that Raiko was a dauntless knight and advised that he be sent with certain companions on the adventurous undertaking.

Raiko selected five brave companions and told them what was expected of them. He explained that if they hoped to slay the goblin king they must be very subtle indeed and that it would be an excellent idea to go disguised as mountain peasants. They could carry their armor and weapons on their backs, carefully concealed in innocent-looking knapsacks. Two of the men went to pray at the temple of Hachimangu, the God of War, two at the shrine of Kannon, the Goddess of Mercy, and two at the temple of Gorogen.

Having prayed that their undertaking be blessed with success, the knights saluted forth upon their journey and in due time reached the province of Tamba. Immediately before them loomed Mount Oye, most formidable of mountains. Mighty rocks and great dark forests stood in their path in all directions, and bottomless chasms yawned hungrily as though long to gather the warriors to their maws.

The brave knights were beginning to entertain misgivings when suddenly three old men appeared before them. The knights at first regarded the newcomers with suspicion, but anon with the utmost friendliness and thankfulness. The old men, in a word, were the three deities to whom the knights had prayed before embarking upon their hazardous errand. They presented Raiko a jar of nectar called Shimen-Kiodoku-Shu (a cordial for men but poised for goblins), advising him by strategy to present Shuten-doji to the King, whereupon he would become enthralled at once and prove an easy victim for the final sword thrust. As soon as the old men had presented the sake and their valuable advice a miraculous aura shone round them and they vanished into the clouds as fades the mist.

Greatly heartened by what had happened, Raiko and his knights resumed their ascent of the mountain. Arriving at a stream, they noticed a woman washing a blood-stained garment in the clear running water. She looked bitterly as she rubbed, pausing frequently to wipe away the tears with the long sleeve of her kimono.

"Who are you, fair lady?" asked Raiko.

"I am a princess," the beautiful woman replied. "I am a miserable captive of the goblin king."

"And I am Raiko. My knights and I have come to kill the vile creature of this mountain."

The princess was overcome with joy. Tripping lightly before them, she led the way to a great black iron portal. The sentinel at the gates admitted the princess and her champions when she told the sentry the knight was poor mountain priests seeking a temporary shelter.

Passing through almost endless corridors, Raiko and his companions at length found themselves in a mighty hall, at one end of which sat the awful goblin King. He was of gigantic stature, his hands fiery red, his hair long and white and matted. Raiko meekly introduced himself and his followers as itinerant priests, and the goblin king, inwardly shaking with mirth, invited them to be seated and to eat of the sumptuous meal prepared for them. The monster clapped his fat hands together and at once many beautiful damsels came running in with rich foods and wines. Raiko's heart ached as he realized all these had lived in happy Kyoto homes.

At the height of the feast Raiko produced the jar of magic sake and invited the goblin king very politely to drink with him. Unsuspecting the monarch drank deep of the sake, and, like Oliver Twist, said, "I want some more!" All the goblins offered the magic brew. While they were drinking Raiko and his companions executed an intricate dance.

As soon as the powerful potion began to work the head of the goblin king nodded drowsily, and finally he fell asleep. Raiko sprang to his feet and he and his knights rapidly buckled on their armor and prepared for the fray.

Appearing once more before them, the three deities said to Raiko: "We have tied fast the feet of the goblin King, so that he cannot run away. You and your men ride him to the gates of hell."

Suddenly the deities disappeared.

(Continued next Saturday.)

He who is always shooting must sometimes hit. * * *

He who keeps up his riches and lives poorly is like an ass who carries gold and eats thistles.

He who returns good for evil obtains the victory. * * *

He who sips many arts drinks none. * * *

He who sows iniquity shall reap sorrow. * * *

He who sows thistles shall reap prickles. * * *

It is no small conquest to overcome yourself. * * *

It is not every couple that is a pair.

capital will be invested in city business. To drive the Japanese from the land and to say they shall not invest in cities is absurd. There is no question of rights, not only on the part of the Californians, but a violation of treaty rights between the United States and Japan, which grant to Japanese residing in this country the right to lease land and purchase property for residential, commercial and manufacturing purposes.

There should be no restrictions regarding who shall have the right to purchase apartment property and who shall not, and we can see no possible reason for protesting.

For the Japanese in the countries of the Japanese of California have had no attention given to questions of international morality and friendship. They have not thought what might be the result of their actions. To discuss questions of decency with them would be of no avail. But when we find our very existence threatened we must, of course, protect ourselves. We must do what we think is proper and lawful for our welfare.

If we have healthy agricultural communities we must have rational and proper means to the end. When we invest our money in the cities there should be no hesitation, for the treaties and the laws of the United States sustain us. The anti-Japanese agitations are based entirely on racial prejudices. This circumstance disturbs us, of course, but in spite of it we must try to establish ourselves in the country as well as in the cities, in order that, wherever we may be, we shall be able to contribute to the general welfare of the American community.

We believe that if the majority of Americans understand our activities they surely would not be opposed to us. Our advice to our people, therefore is: Do not be frightened by anti-Japanese talk of limiting your business activities, which, carried out, would mean the death of our people.

BUSHIDO.

By DR. INAZO NITOBE.

CHAPTER XIII.

IT IS not surprising that the virtues and teachings unique in the Precepts of Knighthood did not remain circumscribed to the military class. This makes us hasten to the consideration of the influence of Bushido on the nation at large.

We have brought into view only a few of the more prominent peaks which rise above the range of knightly virtues, in themselves so much more elevated than the general level of our national life.

As the sun in its rising first tips the highest peaks with russet hue, and then gradually casts its rays on the valley below, so the ethical system which first enlightened the military order drew in course of time followers from among the masses.

Democracy raises up a natural prince for its leader and aristocracy infuses a princely spirit among the people. Virtues are no less contagious than vices.

"There needs but one wise man in a company,

and all are wise, so rapid is the contagion," says Emerson. No social class or caste can resist the irresistible power of moral influence.

Prate as we may of the triumphant march of Anglo-Saxon liberty, rarely has it received impetus from the masses. Was it not rather the work of the saints and gentlemen? Very truly does M. Taine say: "These three syllables, as used across the channel, summarize the history of English society."

Democracy may make self-confident retorts to such a statement and fling back the question: "When Adam delved and Eve span, where then was the gentleman?" All the more pity that a gentleman was not present in Eden! The first parents missed him sorely and paid a high price for his absence. Had he been there, not only would the garden have been more tastefully dressed, but they would have learned without painful experience that disobedience to Jehovah was disloyalty and dishonor, treason and rebellion.

What Japan has done is to receive the "Bushido" of the masses. The "busho" or "busho" of the nobility, rarely has it received impetus from the masses. Was it not rather the work of the saints and gentlemen? Very truly does M. Taine say: "These three syllables, as used across the channel, summarize the history of English society."

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A horizontal strip of Japanese business cards from the early 20th century, featuring various shop names and services. The cards are arranged in a grid format with some overlap. The text is in Japanese characters (kanji, hiragana, and some Latin script for Western businesses). Some cards include small illustrations or symbols. The overall layout is dense and organized by industry.

