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The New Ambassador to Japan.

CHARLES B. WARREN, the new ambassador to Japan, will start on his trip to Tokyo today on board the liner Golden Gate, said The Japanese American News in Japanese last Wednesday.

We welcomed the ambassador to San Francisco, and on his ocean voyage we wish him the best of health, a peaceful passage, and hope he will do all in his power to encompass a feeling of harmony and a better understanding by and between the American and Japanese peoples.

We congratulate Ambassador Warren upon the existing friendly close relations of the two nations. But there remain some problems awaiting a satisfactory solution and yet others which may become important in the future. These all call for the new ambassador's best efforts at solution.

Press reports state that Ambassador Warren will immediately begin negotiations with the Japanese foreign office on a new American-Japanese treaty, using the Morris-Shidehara draft as a basis.

The coming disarmament conference is to be held in Washington. Negotiations on the treaty, which concerns only the two high contracting parties, should be held in Tokyo. In this regard we anticipate that more than likely press reports will prove true.

The new treaty between the two nations, which necessarily must solve the Japanese problem in the United States, ought to be based upon the just and popular opinions held in the two countries. Anything like the arguments of the anti-Japanese party should not be taken into consideration.

We do not know what sort of impressions Mr. Warren carried away with him from San Francisco as regards the California question. But we are firmly convinced that, legally and socially, the Japanese here are not accorded just treatment. Let us speak plainly. The Japanese in California are unjustly treated, discriminated against. This should be changed, not merely for the sake of the Japanese, but for the honor of the United States.

An award of civil rights to Japanese such as are accorded other foreign subjects residing in the United States was the basis of the Morris-Shidehara draft. This is a step in the right direction. It may nullify some of the laws enacted by some of the Western states and thus bring into being some new difficulties. But the problem is one which must be solved on a basis of right and wrong.

There is a section in the Morris-Shidehara draft which will strike a death blow at the family life of Japanese in the United States. To be more specific, it is the proposal to deprive them of the right to bring wives and children to this country. That must be struck from the treaty.

We must be content with restriction of new immigration from Japan. But it is inhumane and altogether too cold-hearted to deny the right of Japanese already here and engaged lawfully in business and having a financial standing, to send for their wives and children, or to say that the latter shall not accompany such Japanese residents to this country. We cannot stand for that.

Just what is the understanding of the new ambassador with regard to this phase of the question? Whatever it is, we wish him to consider our proposal in a sympathetic light. When the American-Japanese treaty shall have been formulated embodying this proposition, then we may see a complete solution of the Japanese problem.

The more recent anti-Japanese gestures are directed chiefly at the relations of the two countries. This is an important factor to be considered. The feeling of Americans and Japanese toward one another has been drifting apart measurably since the world war, and both are in a very tense mood.

The coming Washington conference will be a turning point in American-Japanese relations. If these two nations part in disagreement, then we must expect the situation to become more tense than ever, and its relaxation will be a task not easy of accomplishment. But if the result is what we expect, an amicable understanding is reached and the way opened for further negotiation on all problems, then the antagonistic attitude of Americans toward Japanese will fade away and we may see a change in the social treatment of Japanese.

Mr. Warren declined to make any statement on any political or diplomatic issue. Which was quite right. We anticipate the good offices of the new ambassador will bring about a closer relationship between the two countries.

The Main American Squadron.

IT IS A WONDERFUL SIGHT to behold the main squadron of the Pacific Fleet, under the command of Admiral Eberle and anchored in San Francisco Bay, said this newspaper in Japanese on August 26.

In the main group are the flagship New Mexico, the Idaho, Mississippi, Texas, New York, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Nevada and Arizona, all of the dreadnaught class and capable of taking the first line in the event of war. The addition of the newly built California and the Pennsylvania, now on the way to Pacific waters from the Atlantic, will be proof positive that the best of the American battleships are assembled within the Golden Gate. Their combined strength will far surpass the entire Japanese navy.

It is reported to be planned that this armada shall engage in target practice on the open sea, then sail to Pearl Harbor, the Hawaiian naval base. This great gesture by the great fleet will not be a happenstance.

At the time President Harding took over the reins of government he concluded negotiations with Great Britain which made it practicable for the American government to lessen the naval guard it maintained on the Atlantic and transfer the main portion of its fleet to the Pacific. When the report of this reached Japan, Admiral Kato, naval minister, answering a question in the Diet, said the report must have been incorrect, as, in his opinion, the United States did not have a naval base on the Pacific Coast sufficiently large to accommodate the main body of the American fleet. At the time the Japanese newspapers also took the gesture for a measure calculated to win popular favor.

We disagreed with this opinion at the time. The report was too well founded to be taken lightly and dismissed as a mere means of currying favor. As for the naval base and its capacity, we said it perhaps was not sufficient to handle the great American navy in time of war, but in time of peace there were ample facilities to handle the supplying and repairing of the navy's ships at the Vallejo, Bremerton and San Diego bases. There are other large shipyards on the coast which could be utilized by the navy should the necessity arise. Thus we based our opinion that it was practicable to take care of the main portion of the American fleet. According to the attitude assumed by Japan, America certainly will execute that plan.

The Japanese Diet passed a huge naval bill at its last session, disregarding the consensus of world opinion. This fact lent authority to the report and now we have a great fleet right at our front door. These great battleships, veritable floating castles, with their huge guns, give one an impression of the calm before the storm.

But we should not take it for granted that the United States' attitude toward Japan is belligerent. She did not send the best of her battleships to the Pacific on a presumption of war. Only, she wished to show to the world by concrete example that if a nation assumes a certain attitude she can accomplish much. Any nation expanding her navy on the assumption that America is her enemy will discover that the United States has ample means to build yet more battleships. And she is willing to show that ability when challenged to a race in battleship building by any nation. And this, we are persuaded, is the purpose of the assembling of the Pacific fleet in San Francisco Bay.

There is no nation in the world today that could compete with the United States in a battleship building race without plunging itself into bankruptcy. She has almost unlimited resources, materials, machines. If she saw the necessity she could build an eight-eight fleet within a year or two.

Japan has neither sufficient wealth nor material nor large shipbuilding plants to compete in such a race. It would be impossible for her to take on the United States.

We earnestly hope that the Japanese naval authorities clearly understand that fact.

Japan is fortunately situated geographically. She can stand ready to defend her borders. And she is able to drive an enemy away from her coasts. She has sufficient means to maintain safe communication with the continent.

The inspiration of all these thoughts was the sight of the American fleet.

Solution of the Yap Problem.

SAID THIS NEWSPAPER in Japanese last Thursday:

The United States is going to recognize the mandate on the island of Yap and will control the cable between Guam and Yap. Japan will control the cable between Yap and Shanghai. The cable connection on the island will be controlled jointly. These are said to be the conditions under which the Yap problem will be dealt with. They should be satisfactory to both

Concerning Disarmament.

SENATOR HIRAM W. JOHNSON'S pronouncement on the coming disarmament conference in Washington must have held unusual interest for those readers of The Japanese American News who are interested in or preparing to enter our contest on the subject of disarmament.

With his accustomed vigor the San Franciscoan attacks "pussyfoot" politics and secret sessions and asserts that the conference may come to naught unless its deliberations shall be given the fullest publicity. He argues that whatever the plenipotentiaries of the various powers agree upon will be agreed upon in the name of the nations participating, and that the peoples of those nations are entitled to be taken into their confidence. The rules are few and simple.

Write only on one side of the paper, preferably on the typewriter, and, if on the typewriter, double-space your manuscript.

All essays must be written in English. The editors will not make any translations.

All essays must be received by the Japanese American News of last year, 500 words in length.

The first essay submitted was twice that long and cannot be considered.

Write your name and address plainly in the upper left hand corner of the title sheet, the number of words in the upper right hand corner, and the title in the center of the sheet near the top. Write only on one side of the paper, preferably on letter size sheets, 8 1/2 by 11 inches.

Fifty dollars will be paid by The Japanese American News to the Japanese writing the best essay \$25 for the second best, \$15 for the third best and \$10 for the fourth best.

Essays will be received by The Japanese American News up to midnight of October 15. No essays received subsequent to that time will be considered.

All the winning essays will be published, and perhaps some others.

AN OLD MAN'S REVERIES

EVERY OLD MAN in Japan has lived in two worlds, the feudal and the modern, but the list of the Orientals who with their eyes have seen both worlds grows very rapidly, says the Japanese advertiser. Of these Sir Ernest Satow is the patriarch. His appointment as student interpreter at Yedo was dated exactly sixty years ago. He was one of the first, if not the first, of that interesting and pleasing genus.

So dark were these ages that it was thought that Peking was the place to learn Japanese, and to Peking young Satow went and there proceeded to study Chinese characters. His career began at short by the arrival of a despatch from the Japanese minister at Yedo which no Chinaman could decipher, much less understand. So the "Japanese" students, Jamieson, Russell Robertson and Satow, were bundled off to Japan to study Japanese pretty much by the light of nature.

Satow was born for the work. Two years later came his "proud night" when he was able to read a note from the Japanese government to a man in Peking and British ministers in China. His developed the talent is shown in the many scholarly translations which he contributed to the transactions of the Asiatic Society in its palmy days. With the appearance of his memories the tale of the evidence of Western eyewitnesses of the revolution is complete.

STRENUOUS TIMES.

It was a time of wars and violence. Japan was sickening for the fever, so to speak, which a few years later burnt up her own tissues and renewed her youth. Murders, punitive bombardments, indemnities, threats, filled the diplomatic horizon. All that side of the story is fully recorded in this book, and except in one or two stated instances, the author has not drawn on published sources.

For the present we are concerned mainly with the more personal side of the narrative. That, too, opens a window on a Japan very different from the present. Yokohama was an outpost of shacks. When Satow saw it first in 1862 there were not more than half a dozen two-story buildings in the foreign part of the town. Canals, with guarded bridges, cut off the settlement from the surrounding country. Behind the wall was the marsh and the marshes there the Japanese lived in the houses of the Yoshiwara which a British duke from his place on the crimson benches described as an "establishment for the education of young ladies, and where a colonial bishop, to the intense amusement of the younger and more irreverent of the foreign community, innocently left his visiting card on the madam who presided over the place."

FREQUENT MURDERS.

The atmosphere of these days can be judged from Satow's remark that the murder of Richardson, which occurred soon after his arrival, did not seem to him an out of the way event. "The accounts I had heard in Peking had prepared me to look on the murder of a foreigner as an ordinary, everyday affair, and that the horror of bleeding wounds was not sufficiently familiar to me to excite the feelings of indignation to which I am accustomed to stimulate everyone else. I was severely ashamed of my want of sympathy. And yet,

this habit of looking upon assassination as part of the day's work enabled me later to face with equanimity what most men whose sensations had not been deadened by a moral anesthetic would perhaps have considered serious dangers. And while everyone in my immediate neighborhood was in a state of excitement I quietly settled down to my studies."

The kind of teacher which the language student

of those days got was a Japanese who did not know a word of English and "the process by which we made out the meaning of a sentence was closely akin to that which Poe describes for the Gold Beetle for deciphering of a cryptograph."

BANNED FROM CLUB.

There was a Yohohama Club in those days, but British consular and diplomatic officials were barred out of its sacred portals because the British minister of the time had condoned the description of the club as "the scum of Europe."

Satow disagrees with the description, though he admits that there were some who did not conduct themselves with strict propriety of theological standards, but probably these people had a small income to keep a pony, live well, and drink champagne." The favorite diversion was a Sunday ride along the Tokaido for fun.

The meeting of a daimyo procession and being sliced by a two-sworded man added a sporting flavor to the trip. Everybody carried revolvers. Bolder spirits sometimes ventured as far as Kamakura and Enoshima. Tokyo was a forbidding city to be visited only in guise of a member of a Legation.

THE MOTIVE OF AMERICA.

Sir Ernest Satow does not share the view which is sometimes heard from the Japanese side now that Perry's opening of Japan is responsible. He says that Americans are as follows:

"While sympathizing with Eastern peoples in defense of their independent rights, the Americans believed that a conciliatory way of treating them was at least equally well fitted to insure the concession of those trading privileges to which the Americans are not less indifferent than the English."

It is an utterly wrong reading of American psychology to suppose that that motive has changed. Perry's view was an officer of state and determination, "whose judicious use of the former qualification rendered the second unnecessary."

CONTINUED NEXT SATURDAY

GETTING READY FOR THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE



(Continued from Last Saturday.)

MISS "DEEP SNOW"

(Continued from Last Saturday.)

THE ONION IN POETRY.

A INTERESTING CONTEST in verse writing

recently was conducted by The Japanese American News.

It was stipulated that onions

should be the theme or figure in the poem,

and that the entire song must be sung in seventeen

syllables!

The first prize was a copy of Japanese

verses

and a copy of the book.

The second prize was a copy of Japanese

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and a copy of the book.

The third prize was a copy of Japanese

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The ninth prize was a copy of Japanese

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The tenth prize was a copy of Japanese

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The eleventh prize was a copy of Japanese

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The twelfth prize was a copy of Japanese

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The thirteenth prize was a copy of Japanese

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The fourteenth prize was a copy of Japanese

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The fifteenth prize was a copy of Japanese

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