

MONEY ISSUE BIG PROBLEM FOR PREMIER

Business Depression Sets in When Gold Ban Is Removed

By MILES W. VAUGHN United Press Staff Correspondent TOKYO, April 3.—(UP)—Japan's critical financial and economic situation likely will have a considerable effect on the special session of the Diet called April 21 by His Majesty the Emperor.

Business has become increasingly worse since the first of the year, the number of unemployed has increased and gold reserves of the Bank of Japan are sinking steadily. Leaders of the Seiyukai—principal opposition party in Parliament—are already planning to attack the Government as responsible for much of the acute depression.

Impartial observers are agreed that the Government's policies—while unquestionably necessary and bound to benefit the Empire in the long run—have contributed to the present near-crisis.

The primary plank in Premier Yuko Hamaguchi's Cabinet's platform was removal of the embargo on exports of gold and silver which had prevailed since the world war, and to this end the Premier and his colleagues consistently have urged Empire-wide governmental and popular retrenchment.

MAIN FACTORS

The embargo was taken off January 11 after the yen had been forced up to par on the American dollar. Depression set in almost at once. It may be attributed to these factors:

1. The rise of the yen, necessary before the gold embargo was lifted. Japan's principal export in raw silk, sold in America for dollars. Confronted with the steadily increasing value of the yen silk exporters hastened to dispose of their stocks and made huge shipments to America late in 1929, glutting the New York market, and causing a decline in raw silk prices which became acute last month. Equally, once the gold ban was off, banks found it profitable to carry out their exchange transactions by shipping gold, a fact which caused the Bank of Japan's reserves to shrink rapidly.

2. Completion of the earthquake reconstruction program for Tokyo, Yokohama and surrounding areas devastated by the great earthquake and fire of 1923. Thousands of men were employed on this work. When it was completed many of them joined the ranks of the unemployed, now nearing a million.

DECLINE IN SILVER

3. The sensational decline in the price of silver; China is on a silver basis and produces much raw silk. With the silver dollar in China the lowest in many years foreign silk buyers immediately found it highly profitable to purchase China raw silk in huge quantities, despite the fact it is inferior in quality to Japan raw silk. Equally with the yen up and the China dollar abysmally low Japan's export market in China suffered. Chinese cannot afford to buy the quantities of goods they did when their dollar was worth the equivalent of one yen or more.

4. The general decline in international commodity prices, which many Japanese believe now have reached bottom. 5. The New York stock exchange crash last year, which restricted American purchases from Japan.

HIGH INDIAN TARIFF

Another factor worrying Japanese exporters is the situation in India, where Japanese exporters face an increase of nearly five per cent in tariffs on cotton cloth. India had become one of the best customers of Osaka's great cotton mills and spinners asserted the increased tariff would sweep them from this rich market.

The government, alert to the political repercussions of the situation, already has started a campaign aid to commerce and has started lending money to silk producers who wish to hold their stocks for higher prices. Business men generally are pessimistic, however, and look for continued hard times all through 1930.

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Sac'to Boys' Club Will Hold Dinner Party on Friday

Special To The Japanese American News SACRAMENTO, April 3.—(UP)—The Boy's Club of the Baptist Church will hold a banquet Friday night at the church social hall. Dave Okada will act as toastmaster. For entertainments some members of the club will present a stunt, and Miss Ei Yoshinaga will favor the gathering with a few song selections.

The dinner will be preceded by a business meeting, then a devotional at which time Miss Virginia Swanson, club adviser, will act as chairman and the following boys give short talks, Dave Okada, George Saito and Masaharu Seto.

CLERIC WILL LEAVE HOME

Mrs. Bowen, Pioneer, Mother of Mercy to Sac'to People

By HOWARD IMAZEKI SACRAMENTO, April 3.—Hidden behind a bunch of ivy vines, clinging upward in front of an old grey wooden house on Fifth street between M and N streets, one discovers a sign tacked securely against the structure written on a board of one by two in Japanese and English these words, "Independent Japanese Mission, pastor Rev. Mary M. Bowen."

Thirty years ago the building was considered up-to-date, and it stood conspicuous on that spot. Thirty years ago the lettering on the sign board shone brilliant with the freshness of the gilt paint. Alas! they are no more!

For thirty years Rev. Mrs. Mary M. Bowen occupied the house and used it as a place of worship, school, hospital, law office, and social center for the Japanese people from the time when there were only a handful of Japanese in Sacramento. And now she is leaving the place with a heart feeling like a parting of dear ones who loved each other so tenderly and earnestly.

HOUSE SOLD

Mrs. Bowen has sold the house to a Chinese merchant and in a few days she will move to a little bungalow at 2015 Burnett Way. "I can not bear this, but I must," she said. "When I leave this my own home I shall go out from the back door, and I shall never return to see it any more. I can't bear it." There were some tears shining in her wearied eyes.

Mrs. Bowen is eighty years old. And she is planning to publish a collection of her poems and proses in the future if she will be able to stand the task of compilation.

It was in the year 1898 when she first came to Sacramento as a woman pastor and established an M. E. church on 310 M street. She was sent by then bishop of the Pacific Japanese Mission, M. C. Harris, who later became a champion of Christian work in Japan.

The woman pastor, then strong and vigorous, drove a wagon by herself and galloped the horse from one ranch to another where Japanese laborers toiled, and comforted the lonely hearts and cared for the sick.

For a year she worked thus. The result: forty nine converts. It was the time when there were only two Japanese women in the Sacramento county.

DISMISSED FROM CHURCH Later a complication arose between Bishop Harris and Mrs. Bowen, and she was dismissed from the M. E. Church.

"It was a real blessing when I was dismissed," she said. "I could not tie myself to any one denomination. I rented this house from the mayor of Sacramento then, and started my mission work. I invited every one to come. It mattered not who he was, a Methodist, a Baptist, a Presbyterian, or a Buddhist. They came, and I mothered them."

"In fact," she continued, "this house was like a railroad station. When they didn't have any work in the country, they came here and slept. And when they found one, they went away."

Many people died at her home and at the Sacramento county hospital. But no Japanese was buried in the Potter's field when Mrs. Bowen knew the matter. They were cremated at the Hillevecia, then a well known cemetery located at Thirty-first and J streets, now turned to a beautiful park.

GOYA KEEPS PROMISE Asked if there is any one who is giving her material aid at present, she brightened her eyes and exclaimed, "Goya, yes! Paul Goya. He's the one. He's the one who stood by me faithfully. He's the one who kept the promise!" Many beautiful memories seemed to have come back to her mind.

"I sent him to Grammar school, to high school, and to college. He went to the Davis Farm. But, poor boy, he could not finish it." The old woman stopped and dropped her eyes upon the couch on which she was sitting. "You see," she went on, "Paul came home from school one day sick. I laid him on this couch. He got worse and worse and I thought he was sure to die. His lips were swollen up blue and his face was pale. I saw many Japanese die, and Paul was like one of them. I prayed. I could not do anything. . . . But, next day, bless him! O bless him! he showed a sign of strength."

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29 Saved When Wakato Maru Turns Over At Wakamatsu

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Twenty-nine persons were rescued from this 21-ton craft. The accident occurred yesterday at 4:40 p. m. The ferryboat, soon after leaving Wakamatsu for the town of Tobata, was lashed by a gale which swept huge waves overboard. The 200 passengers, twice the vessel's normal capacity, rushed to one side of the ship to escape drenching. In doing so, their weight caused the boat to turn over. Two Siberian girl dancers were missing and the remainder of the dead, principally women and children, were believed to have been Japanese.

A majority of the passengers were returning from Wakamatsu, where a festival at the shrine dedicated to Ebisu Shinto, the God of Luck, had been held.

When the ferryboat capsized many steamers nearby came to the rescue, saving many. One professional diver saved thirty persons.

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TRUNK GIVES UP CORPSE Petrified Body Found In Baggage Shipped 3 Years Ago

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13,000 People, Including Big Crowd Of Japanese, Take Part in Cherry Blossoms Festival Near Riverside

RIVERSIDE, April 3.—Between twelve and thirteen thousand people of Southern California, including a host of Japanese, gathered at the beautiful cherry tract near here for the first annual cherry blossoms festival, sponsored on Sunday by the Beaumont Rotary Club. With the entire orchard in a riot of blossoms, the committee, under the direction of Guy Bogart, president of the Beaumont Rotary Club,

staged a pretty program that depicted the spirit of picturesque Japan. Dainty little Japanese children in colorful kimonos rendered delightful dances. Miss Kiyo Inouye, Southern California's own songbird, entertained the audience with songs of her native land. Harry Mayeda, Sacramento boy and national honor scout, was a visitor at this Japanese celebration.

REVOLT OF YOUTH TO BE DEBATED BY ALAMEDANS

2590th Anniversary Of Ascension of 1st Japan Emperor Feted

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Students Trek to Nanking Since Shift Of Chinese Capital

PEIPING, April 2.—(UP)—Chinese students educated abroad have practically deserted Peiping, following the government to Nanking and Shanghai, the annual report of the Western Returned Students' Club here reveals.

The report states that the membership dropped during 1929 to only 29, as compared with 244 members in 1925, when the capital was soundly established here. The club is still maintained, however, in attractive quarters and serves as a meeting-place for Chinese members and their Chinese and foreign friends.

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Second, even when the business of the nation is most prosperous generally, there will be found economic enterprises that are very weak—such as coal mining and agriculture. Some day human intelligence will coordinate the economic forces of the nation that this unhappy condition will disappear. Neither economist nor statesman will find a more fascinating problem than this problem that confronts the business man.

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Fourth, despite our general prosperity our standard of living is still low, with hardly twenty per cent of the population belonging to families with incomes of \$2,000 or more. In the long view, this is as bad for business as it is for the masses. And the great business man must wrestle with this problem as directly as any social worker.

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Over and above the mastery of the routines of his craft the young man who entered business will, by the time he achieved distinction in his maturity, have been faced by the challenge of many unsolved problems, of which the following four may serve as examples: First, both the profits of business and the happiness of the masses are still endangered by the fact that economic depressions still come and go in our economic life. Some day human intelligence will remove these alternate swings between panic and plenty. The teacher of economics will never be challenged by a more interesting intellectual problem than this problem that the wise

CONDITION OF GENRO BETTER

DR. MURA STAYS AT VILLA ATTENDING SAIONJI

Special To The Japanese American News TOKYO, April 3.—The condition of Prince Saionji, stricken with pneumonia at his villa in Okitsu near here, has slightly improved since yesterday, although physicians still declare his illness to be of a grave character. The official bulletin today says: Temperature 36.9, pulse 96, respiration 21, condition still serious. Dr. Kinoshige Miura, court physician, who was summoned to the bedside of the Genro, remained at the villa last night.

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YWCA Play Cast To Rehearse Japan Classic, Terakoya

The full cast of the "Terakoya," a classical play to be given by the local Y. W. C. A. at a benefit show, will hold its rehearsal on Friday night, April 4, at the Japanese Center, 1826 Sutter street. The play is being coached by Miss Margaret Shedd. The rehearsal will start at 7:30 p. m. and end at 8:30. The play will be given on April 20 at the local Kinmon Gakuen.

U. C. Women Will Conduct Meeting

Special To The Japanese American News BERKELEY, April 3.—The Japanese Women's Club of the University of California will hold its regular meeting Friday, April 4, at 8 p. m., either at the Westminister House or at the home of the Dean. The exact meeting place will be announced by the secretary on Friday morning at the campus.

5 KILLED IN INDIAN BRAWL

Special To The Japanese American News CALCUTTA (India), April 2.—A new rule which forbids carters to take their buffaloes out during the hottest part of the day led to rioting here today in which five persons were killed. Fifty policemen and fifty civilians were injured, while twenty persons were arrested.

Students also demonstrated in sympathy with the carters outside the student hotel in Cornwallis road. They erected barriers formed from material taken from a road repair job and threw bricks at the police. The police retaliated by dispersing them with barrel staves.

Double police patrols were in the streets tonight to prevent further disorder. Some of the districts where fights occurred today resembled battle scenes, with the streets jammed with abandoned carts, many overturned and minus wheels.

S. F. WILL BE SCENE OF BIG SUMO MATCH

50 Champs of Entire State Will Vie on April 19 and 20

A sumo tournament on an unprecedented scale, with some fifty select wrestlers from all over California vying for the state championship, will be staged in this city for two days, April 19 and 20. This was the announcement made yesterday by J. Kikugawa, president of the San Francisco Sumo Association. These representative wrestlers, coming from eleven cities, will be witnessed by some three thousand people who will jam the temporary stadium to be erected on Buchanan street between O'Farrell and Geary.

A strong delegation from Southern California will also travel north for this tournament. In San Francisco the practices are already under way in the open space on Geary street next the Kikugawa, Tai restaurant. A dozen or more "rikishi" are nightly improving their art of sumo.

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Ido, please excuse me for not knowing. Are you a girl or a boy? (Ido joined the Club in February.)

Here is a NEW MEMBER whom we welcome very cordially: Aiko Tomiye, 12 years old, in the high 7th grade, birthday on December 30th, address Route 1 Box 418, Ceres, California.

Letters have come from Hime Sasaki, Helen Sakaye Baba, and Mitsuyo Amy Tanaka.

Dearest Obasan: Did you see or hear anything different this morning?

I did. You know first thing this morning a bird flew past our window. It chirped so sweetly, I hope it feels the same as I do on a day like this. As I was going to school I noticed a bunch of Johnny-jump-ups all in one place. And then I thought of something I never thought of before: no wonder today or yesterday (March 21st or 20th) was the first day of Spring.

Our class is collecting wild flowers this year and also moths and butterflies.

I hope you can understand my writing, for a splinter went into my finger nail. (Ever so sorry. That can hurt. Is it all well now? When that happens you should wash the hands clean, take the splinter out, and then put mercurchrome or iodine onto the place, you know. Then it heals soon.—Obasan.)

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Showa Plans Dance At Western Women's Club on April 12

The Showa Club will hold its annual dance on the evening of April 12, at 8:30 o'clock, at the Western Women's Club, Sutter and Mason streets. The invitations are being issued to close friends of the club by the committee. To duplicate the success of the affair last year, Shinglin Omoto, chairman of the committee, is expected to engage an accomplished orchestra.

The dance will be informal affair, and the guests will be invited individually.

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NIPPON CLUB WILL HONOR GIRL ENVOYS

Tea Also Planned For Party By Women, Trade Body

The fair "gratitude envoys," who arrived here on Wednesday aboard the S. S. President Pierce, may be seen in the Japanese community or the downtown shopping districts on Friday forenoon, as they will at that time enjoy their only rest period allowed since their arrival here. The girls will attend a reception and tea in the afternoon from 3:30 p. m. It is being given jointly by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the Women's City Club at the latter's headquarters on Post street.

This affair will be followed at 4:30 p. m. by a dinner, sponsored by the Nippon Club, at its building on Taylor street near Bush.

The party was the guest Thursday afternoon at a delightful luncheon given by Mrs. Almer Newhall, wife of the president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, at their home in San Rafael.

Coming back in the afternoon, the messengers of good will paid a visit to The Japanese American News, the New World News, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Japanese Associations both of America and San Francisco.

TEA AT YMCA

The five girls from Japan, envoys of gratitude who arrived here Wednesday to thank the American people for