

JAPAN MENACED WITH DEBT

Official Quoted as Saying It Will Shortly Be \$1,300,000,000.

A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Issue of Inconvertible Notes May Be Adopted as Only Means of Salvation—Dismiss Consul at Canton in Hope That Chinese Boycott May Stop.

Tokio, May 28.—The Asahi quotes an unnamed high official of the financial Department as saying that the national debt including the bonds payable for the railways recently nationalized, is expected to total within a few years 2,700,000,000 yen (\$1,300,000,000). Japan never before had to face so serious a problem.

"The condition," said the official, "is much akin to Italy's in the early nineties when Italy was obliged to resort to the issue of inconvertible notes to meet the exigencies due to her inability to float loans, and the wisdom of that plan was demonstrated."

This expression, emanating from the Finance Department, is regarded as an indication that the Japanese authorities are considering a similar course. Baron Takahashi vice governor of the Bank of Japan, in a published interview, places the responsibility of the failure to float the additional loan of 40,000,000 yen for the South Manchurian Railroad at the door of the Britishers interested in the Haimintun-Pakumen Railroad, which Japan forbade. These influences are powerful in the London financial world and Baron Takahashi declares they are placing every obstacle in the way of the loan so essential to the further development of Japan's railway.

A Peking report that Japan is willing to recede from her prohibitive position is denied at the Foreign Office. It is asserted that the British government approves Japan's attitude. If true, this is another chapter in the long story of Downing street's clash with the British commercial interests in the Orient.

Japan's first important official step toward placating the boycotters is the removal of Mr. Ueno, Consul at Canton. Ueno's refusal to submit the Tatsa Maru controversy to joint investigation, as provided by the customs law was approved by the Tokio government, but he is now sacrificed in the hope that the Cantonese construing removal as a victory for them will permit the boycott to die.

Buried City in California.

Berkeley, Cal., May 28.—Buried a few feet under the soil of the University of California campus lies a city of the stone age, whose massive walls respond to the instruments of the members of the Berkeley Society for Psychical Research and show their well defined locations according to the investigation made by Prof. Joseph Veril, President of the local Psychical Society and other members. The investigations to find the lines of the buried city, which antedates by thousands of years the time of Columbus, have been carried on, it is said, quietly for the last few months since the society took up this important branch of their studies. None of the professors of the university has as yet thoroughly investigated the finds of the society, but it is likely that if their discoveries are found to have a foundation, excavation work will be begun at once along scientific lines.

Many Want Platt's Seat.

Washington, May 26.—Reports from New York that Senator Platt will make no effort to succeed himself have given new life to the oft-repeated query, "Who will succeed him?" Already nearly a dozen names are mentioned. Most prominent among these are ex-Lieut. Gov. Woodruff, and Representative Fassett, E. H. Butler, and ex-Gov. Black. In about the same class are put Representative Herbert Parsons and ex-Secretary Root and Mr. Cortelyou are also spoken of, but very guardedly. The general inclination is to scoff at the suggestion contained in a printed interview with Senator Platt that President Roosevelt contemplates succeeding either of the New York Senators.

Editor Indicted.

Guthrie, Oklahoma, May 27.—Fred Tracy, member of the Constitutional Convention, editor of The Beaver Herald, and member of the Democratic State Committee, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for robbing the Post Office at Beaver City. The Post Office safe was broken open by dynamite. The Post Office is in Tracy's store. Tracy says he is the victim of a political conspiracy.

Philadelphia Exports Big.

Philadelphia, May 27.—The value of exports from Philadelphia for the first twenty-one weeks of the present year was \$38,022,213, as compared with \$28,312,925 for the corresponding period of 1907. "The increase of nearly \$10,000,000," said Chester W. Hill, Collector of Customs, "is significant, as 1907 broke all records in the value of exports from Philadelphia."

Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change, ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage and motherhood. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant pelvic drains and weaknesses which too often come with marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness.

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lustration natural colored pongee is simply stitched with Belding silk, but red broadcloth, unlined, is extremely picturesque. Checked tafetas are greatly in vogue with collars of plain material and all the pretty pongees, the dyed as well as the natural colored ones, are correct.

CONCERNING WOMEN.

Ladies seldom rise in Spain to receive a male visitor and they rarely accompany him to the door. For a Spaniard to give a lady—even his wife—his arm when out walking is looked upon as a decided violation of propriety.

There is a deputy mineral surveyor in Nevada who is a woman. She has filed a \$10,000 bond, has been given a commission by Surveyor General Kyle, of Reno, Nev., and has contracts for surveying large tracts of mining property near Tonopah and Goldfield.

At an international dressmaking competition held recently a girl who is an Armenian dressmaker of the Caucasus won for herself the grand prize as well as the title of the smartest dressmaker in the world. She made an entire gown of elaborate design single handed within twenty-four hours.

Fancy Work of Irish Women.

In recent years the Irish women have been turning their attention largely to fancy work in the way of lace handkerchiefs, crocheting, knitting and other home work, selling their products to the many societies which in recent years have been organized to dispose of these native Irish products in England and the United States.

Nearly every large passenger vessel that touches at Queenstown allows these talkative, witty Irish women to come aboard with great baskets of their home made wares to sell. Sometimes they sell as much as \$500 worth in a single hour while the ship rides at anchor.

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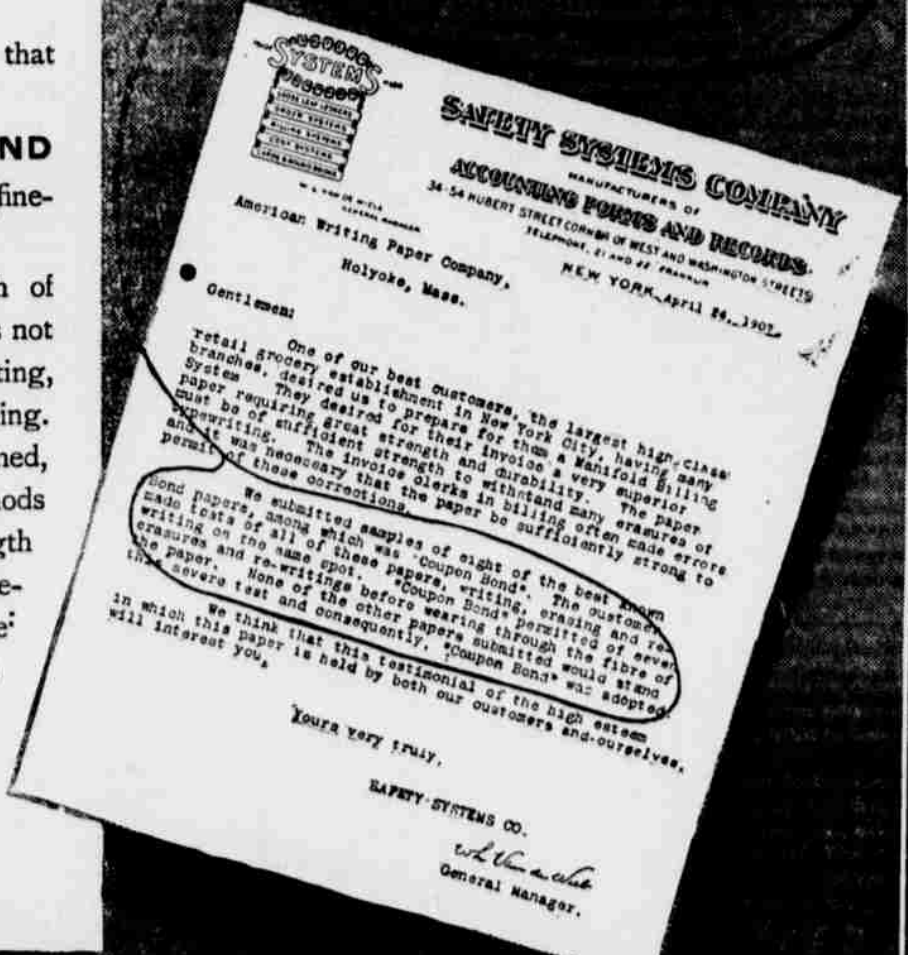
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