

JAPAN'S S. A. IN LOANS TO CHINA
Bankers Sign Agreement Providing for Financial Assistance to Government
EXCLUDES PRIVATE LOANS

Tokyo, May 12, (delayed).—The consortium agreement between Japan, France, Great Britain and the United States for the purpose of promoting a loan to China was signed yesterday. The consortium will make loans to the Chinese government, but loans to Chinese corporations are outside the scope of the consortium.

"Throughout it has been the intimate desire of the Japanese Government, by the creation of a new financial organization, to end the needless loan competition concerning China," the statement says. "However, when the other powers can afford to regard the new consortium solely as a business matter, Japan is otherwise situated, since vital national interests, such as national defense and economic existence, are apt to be involved in enterprises near her border. When the three other governments declared they not only did not contemplate acts inimical to her vital interests, but were ready to give assurances safeguarding them, the Japanese Government decided to confirm the agreement."

Roland S. Morris, the American ambassador, was tendered an au revoir dinner tonight at the Imperial Hotel. Mr. Morris is leaving on a furlough. The function was under the auspices of the American associations of Tokyo, Yokohama and Kobe. The speakers alluded to the statesmanship with which Ambassador Morris had handled the situation during the critical winter of 1917-18.

Mr. Lamont said the successful conclusion of the Chinese consortium negotiations was largely due to the advice and direct efforts of Ambassador Morris. He declared that of all diplomats with whom he had worked he knew none such a clear and comprehensive grasp of a difficult situation or greater ability in meeting it.

U. S. BUYS SILVER AT \$1
 Sec. Houston Issues Order Under Mandatory Provisions of Pittman Act
 Washington, May 17.—The Treasury Department announced that under provisions of the Pittman act, which are mandatory, Secretary Houston had issued standing orders to the director of the mint to buy silver at \$1 an ounce delivered at the option of the director at the assay office at New York or the mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco, up to the aggregate amount of 207,000,000 ounces.

Silver so purchased, the announcement set forth, must be "the product of mines situated in the United States and of reduction works so located, and clear unequivocal proof to that effect will be required."

G. O. P. OCCUPIES COLISEUM
 Work Started on Alterations for National Convention
 Chicago, May 17.—(By A. P.)—The Chicago Coliseum was turned over to the Republican national committee today and work immediately on alterations necessary for the convention. Offices of the committee and convention leaders in the Coliseum Annex are nearly complete, and will be ready for use on May 31, when the national committee begins hearing contests.

(One hundred and four contests have already been filed, and in addition a half dozen states have elected more delegates than they are entitled to under the convention call, with the result that the contest committee will have to eliminate part of the delegations.)

READERS' VIEWPOINT
 Letters to the Editor on Current Topics

Kind Words From a Music Lover
 To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
 Sir—At the close of the orchestra season I feel that I must do what I have intended to do all winter—that I write you my appreciation of the splendid musical criticisms which have appeared all year in the columns of your paper. The closing ones of the season have been especially fine.

Many others, attend the Saturday evening concert and always read the Evening Public Ledger criticisms before going in order that I may have the broad knowledge and experience of your critic to guide me in what I am to hear and very often show me what I am to listen for. I never heard the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven before this year and I learned so much from the admirable discussion in the Evening Public Ledger that I am sure I got much more out of the music than I possibly could without this notice to guide me.

These criticisms and the fine articles on musical subjects which appear in the Evening Public Ledger on Saturdays are a regular course in musical instruction to me, and I believe to many others. I think it might amaze you if you

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DREAMLAND ADVENTURES
 "Perky Sparrow Goes to Jail"
 By DADDY

(In this adventure Perky Sparrow tries to become a Birdland landlord and gets into trouble.)

CHAPTER I
 PERKY SPARROW perched on the edge of his nest under the eaves and chirped merrily at Peggy. "Wake up! Wake up and tell me what a landlord is!" was his demand. "I am not asleep," denied Peggy, who had closed her eyes for just one little nod, it being so warm and balmy in the yard. Then she answered his question with another question. "Why do you want to know what a landlord is?" "Because I'm going to be one," declared Perky, flitting his tail at her. Peggy laughed at his impudence. "You'd make a fine landlord," she said. "A landlord is a man who rents houses to other persons. Have you any houses to rent?"

"No, but I'm a good fighter and I can get some nests to rent. I'll be a fine landlord," chirped Perky. The sunny way he said it annoyed Peggy. "Nobody would want to rent your nest. You don't keep it clean enough." She spoke very plainly to Perky, for she thought his littered roosting place a disgrace to the nest neighborhood. "Perky grinned and winked at her. "I'm not going to rent my own nest," he answered. "There are plenty of nice, clean nests in Birdland. I'll rent those."

"But the nests in Birdland belong to the birds there," declared Peggy. "They will not sell them to you." "Of course they will not," chirped Perky with a grin and a flirt of his tail. "I'll take the nests away from the birds and then rent the nests back to them. I have heard humans say houses were scarce and one could get rich if one were bold enough to ask enough rent. I'm bold."

"I should say you are," agreed Peggy, who was a bit shocked by his cool proposal to rob the birds of their nests. "That's the boldest thing I've heard in a long time. If you try to do that you ought to be shut up in jail." Perky twittered more saucily than before. "Who will lock me up? I can't fly in Birdland. When I'm a rich landlord no one will dare touch me."

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