

JAPAN'S HEIR TO THRONE

The part the little Japanese took in the recent war with China, and their present uncertain position in regard to Russia, have lately brought them very much to the front, but another matter of a different character from war or diplomacy is just now agitating the Land of the Rising Sun. This is no less an event than the birth of a grandchild to the mikado.

In the child-loving land of Japan, where all children are welcomed with rejoicing, the birth of an heir to the throne would under any circumstances fill the hearts of the people with joy, but when a current belief exists that the emperor is of divine origin and his mission a sacred trust handed down from father to son for almost 3,000 years, there is added a personal interest which separates this nation from all others in the world. In the Kwan Po, the court bulletin, which appears every morning and is distributed among the nobles, the announcement of the birth was couched in the most formal and figurative language, with poetic allusions to pine tree branches, flying storks, temple priestesses and other references to ancient customs which to foreign ears seem to sound very mysterious and interesting.

There is a prevailing belief that the white storks which nest in the branches of the pines in the palace

once dissolve into nothingness and the people lose forever the power to reorganize. To avoid this calamity the handmaid system was originated.

In very ancient times the empresses generally had large families of children, but after the introduction of East Indian civilization the old-fashioned healthful simplicity of court life was lost, and in succeeding generations the royal family was frequently so small that the danger of its becoming extinct became a serious consideration to the entire nation. On account of the almost universal faith in the peculiar importance of an unbroken mikado dynasty such a calamity would most certainly have been disastrous and irremediable.

At this time a rule was made, gradually coming into practice, that should an empress be childless she might with the aid of certain court officials select maidens (usually from one to three in number) from certain noble families equal or nearly equal in rank to the one from which the empress is chosen. This choice is invariably made from one of nine special families whose rank is next to royalty. Only the bluest of blue blood is allowed to mingle with the divine strain which flows in the veins of the mikados.

When children are born they belong entirely to the empress. She guides,

variable complaints of American tenants with reference to small-like "lits" and other medieval conveniences.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Dog Stopped Runaway.

South Bethlehem Correspondent Philadelphia North American: With a dog hanging by his teeth to the bridle rein, a runaway horse was brought to a standstill within a few feet of C. D. Keener, who lay unconscious on the road near here. Keener had fallen from his bicycle. The dog was Jif, beloved by all the Lehigh University students, a mascot of their alma mater and the particular property of the man whose life he saved. Jif is the most wonderful dog in all the Bethlehems. He is a trick fox terrier, and always accompanies his master on his bicycle trips. When Keener's wheel struck a stone and he was thrown, Jif stood guard over his prostrate form. He saw the runaway horse when it was half a mile away, and started up the road at the top of his speed. Leaping into the air as he ran beside the frightened horse Jif grabbed the bridle rein and hung on as though his life depended on his grip. Slowly the dog's weight upon its mouth brought the horse to a standstill. It stopped when Keener's head was within a few feet of its

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Carrollton, Ga., June 10.—Sheriff Joseph Merrill, single-handed, engaged and put to rout a mob of 300 lynchers, killing one of his assailants and wounding two others, and suffering no harm beyond a few bullet wounds in his hat. After beating off the crowd he held it at bay until Governor Candler sent here a force of militiamen. At this cost of injury to others and danger to his own life the officer prolonged that of a negro condemned to death for the murder of a little boy, whom he found fishing alone. One of the men who led in the attack was Thomas S. Word, father of the murdered boy. The negro, whose name is Williams, was to have been hanged to-day, but the execution was delayed pending an appeal. A large crowd of people had come to town to witness the hanging, and when it was learned that the hanging was postponed there was much excitement, which soon resulted in the formation of a mob. An assault on the jail was made. The leaders of the mob battered down the outside door despite the warning of the sheriff and entered the building. They made a demand for the key to the negro's cell, but were refused. They then began to advance upon the sheriff, who had stationed himself in front of the negro's cell. They were told to stop or they would be fired on, but the order was not obeyed. As they advanced the sheriff opened fire. George Bennett fell, dying almost instantly. Thomas Smith was badly wounded, as was also a farmer whose name has not been learned. The mob fired a volley at the officer, and two bullets nearly struck his head. By this time the attaches about the jail had been called to the sheriff's side. The unexpected show of nerve by the officer and his little band frightened the lynchers, and they retreated. The Atlanta militia, under command of Major Barker, arrived and escorted the negro and Sheriff Merrill to the train, which was soon speeding southward to Atlanta.

MRS. M'KINLEY IS CONSCIOUS.
Reports of a Comatose Condition Are Emphatically Denied.
Washington, June 10.—There is no truth in the report that Mrs. McKinley is unconscious and in a comatose condition. Neither is it a fact that the physicians are keeping her under the influence of chloral and other sleep-producing drugs. Mrs. McKinley is very weak and there is no effort to disguise the fact that she is critically ill. No one presumes to predict the outcome. With the wonderful rallying power which she has shown it is said she may take a renewed grip on life and live days, week, months, or even years. It is not impossible that she may become a practically well woman, though none are so sanguine at the present time as to predict such an outcome. In her present condition it is said she may have a relapse and drop off at any time. But at present Mrs. McKinley is conscious and recognizes Mr. McKinley and others who are permitted to see her.

Dr. Rixey spent three-quarters of an hour at the white house this morning. He reported that Mrs. McKinley passed a fairly comfortable night.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Hugh Tevis Dies in Japan.
Denver, June 10.—Ex-Gov. Baxter of Wyoming received a cablegram from his daughter, Mrs. Hugh Tevis, now at Yokohama, announcing that her husband was dead. The cablegram gave no further particulars. Miss Cornelia Baxter was married to Mr. Tevis of San Francisco a few weeks ago in California, and they sailed for Yokohama on their honeymoon tour. Hugh Tevis was the second son of Lloyd Tevis, and one of the heirs of the vast estate left by that multi-millionaire. He was about 40 years of age and a graduate of Harvard.

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LATEST LABOR NEWS.

Shaffer Is Re-Elected.
Milwaukee, Wis., June 10.—The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers closed their convention and decided on Wheeling, W. Va., as the place for the convention next year. All of the principal officers were re-elected, there being but little opposition to President Shaffer. The following are the officers elected: President, J. T. Shaffer, Pittsburg; secretary and treasurer, John Williams, Pittsburg; assistant secretary, M. F. Tighe, Pittsburg; trustees, Elias Jenkins, Youngstown, Ohio; John H. Morgan, and J. E. Taylor, Pittsburg; vice-presidents, Wm. Gibson, Walter Larkins, C. H. Davis, Clem Jarvis, John Ward, Fred Williams, John Chappel, and John W. Quinn.

Union Miners Win a Victory.
Princeton, Ky., June 10.—A decided victory for the United Miners of America was scored here when Judge Nunn handed down his opinion in the injunction case between St. Bernard Coal Company and others against Pittsburg Coal company and others. The suit was result of an injunction granted in Hopkins county by Circuit Court Clerk D. W. Gatline, restraining union miners from getting non-union men to join the Miners' Union, also restraining any assistance to union men and from each to the other.

Labor Troubles Affect Business.
New York, June 10.—Dun's Weekly Review of Trade will say: The labor situation in many parts of the country is still seriously unsettled, and constitutes a reason for hesitation in some industries, discouraging new operations which satisfactory conditions would otherwise stimulate. But quick decision is to be expected in some of these labor controversies, and in the meantime trade is encouraged by reports of a satisfactory condition of winter wheat over a large portion of the country.

No Strike on Whisky Barrels.
Cincinnati, O., June 10.—Two hundred coopers at the plant of the Cincinnati Cooperage company are out on strike, demanding an increase of 25 cents a day. The portion of the plant manufacturing whisky barrels is not affected.

Norfolk Strikers' Last Ditch.
Norfolk, Va., June 10.—The striking machinists have declined all overtures on the part of their employers and positively refused to return to work until every demand made by them is met.

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Bishop Nicholson Is Dead.
Philadelphia, Pa., June 10.—Bishop William Rufus Nicholson of the Reformed Episcopal church in Philadelphia died at his home in this city. He was born in Mississippi, in 1822, and was a graduate of La Grange College, Alabama. He was successively pastor in Protestant Episcopal churches in New Orleans, Cincinnati, Boston, and Newark, N. J.

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Young Woman Shot by Policeman.
Chicago, June 10.—Michael Creed, a policeman of the Canalport avenue station, was arrested on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The officer is accused of shooting Miss Guskie Hoy, who with several friends was returning from a party. The shooting took place on a grip car. The bullet entered Miss Hoy's right hand after passing through the clothing of her escort just above the heart. The officer had accused the girl of stealing his star.

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Attempts Suicide in Gore.
Pontiac, Mich., June 10.—Francis Taylor, a young man of Oxford, who became despondent because his sweetheart married another man, attempted to drown himself in a tank of blood in Green's slaughter-house. He was assisting in killing cattle, and when the tank in which the blood was retained became full he stripped himself and jumped in. He was rescued by his companions. It is believed he was temporarily insane.

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New Postmasters Named.
Washington, D. C., June 10.—The following postmasters have been appointed by the President:
Illinois—Chatsworth, Homer S. Sanford; Downers Grove, Charles Carpenter.

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Michigan—Lawton, Elmer W. Hall; South Haven, Dora Delamere.

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Cannot Fight on the Fourth.
San Francisco, Cal., June 10.—It has been decided by the police supervisors that Fourth of July cannot be celebrated by fist exhibitions. This means that the matches between Jack Moffat and George Gardner and between Al Neill and Charley Thurston must be postponed.

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General Otis' Sister Is Dying.
Marion, O., June 10.—Mrs. Valentine Peck, aged 77 years, oldest sister of General E. S. Otis, is dying of a stroke of paralysis at her home in Marselles, Wyandotte county.

RUTLEDGE LEAPS TO DEATH

Bank Robber Jumps from Balcony in Toronto Jail.

HE FLED FROM THE GUARDS.

He Is Supposed to Have Planned an Escape and, Falling, Ended His Life—Fred Rice Alone Survives—Two Companions Dead.

Toronto, Ont., June 10.—Frank Rutledge, one of the three men extradited from Chicago to stand trial for robbery of a bank in Aurora, Ont., committed suicide in jail. Of the three Fred Rice is now the only survivor, and he is under sentence to spend twenty-one years in the penitentiary. Constable Boyd was killed on Tuesday night when the prisoners attempted to escape. Thomas Jones died on Wednesday morning from wounds inflicted by Constable Stewart. At 10 a. m. Frank Rutledge and Fred Rice, both of whom have as many aliases as they have been times in custody, were charged at the police court with the willful murder of Constable Boyd. They pleaded not guilty. The evidence of Constable Stewart, Boyd's partner in conveying the men to jail, was heard. He swore most positively that Rice fired the shot which killed Boyd. After Stewart's evidence had been duly attested the prisoners were remanded. Should any attempt be made to kill Stewart his evidence can be put in against accused. From the police court both men were taken to the Assizes before Judge MacDougall to receive sentence on the three charges of burglary on which they have been committed. They stood quietly, never removing their eyes from the judge's face. Rutledge rested his hands upon the rail in front of him, while Rice stood erect, with his arms folded over his breast. They never flinched, and did not move a muscle while the heavy sentence of twenty-one years each was being pronounced. Deathly pale but apparently calm the prisoners were taken back to the jail, and after dinner were taken out in the first floor corridor for exercise and air. Rutledge, after walking round for a short time, rushed up to the second-story balcony, which is formed round the stair well of the building. It is believed he meant to try to escape by the vent pipes, but was met by armed guards at every point. He then backed toward the railing and after straightening himself up, sprang upward with a backward jerk of the head. He went clear over the railing and fell on the floor below, getting a thirty-six foot drop. He fell on his head, smashing his skull in, and after lingering for about an hour and a half, died at 4:20 p. m. He never regained consciousness. Rice must now face the murder trial alone, unless he too takes his own life. There is a detachment of men and women sympathizers of the gang here from Chicago, and although they are closely watched, only Vina Seaver is in custody.

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Four Die in Street Fight.
Houston Men Settle Dispute with Firearms at Close Range.

Dallas, Texas, June 10.—A four-handed duel with pistols took place in the streets of Houston, and all the participants are reported dead. The men instantly killed were: James Perkins, ex-deputy chief of police; Tom Payne, farmer and stock man; Lew Eckols, butcher. Mortally wounded: Dave Eckols, butcher. The shooting was all done at close range, and between fifteen and twenty shots were fired. There was wild excitement in the immediate vicinity. Pedestrians dashed under cover behind telegraph poles, ran into buildings and some fell flat upon the sidewalk in their eagerness to evade the flying bullets. The firing did not last longer than a minute, but was fast and furious. After the bulk of the shooting was done two single shots rang out, with a brief pause between them; then all was over. When the persons in the vicinity of the combat reached the scene they found three men lying within eight feet of one another, two of them motionless and a third struggling to get into a sitting position, but he fell dead in the effort. A fourth was leaning against a pole, besmeared with blood and with a stream of blood gushing from him. He was Dave Eckols, reported dead today. In the encounter the two Eckols were on one side and Perkins and Payne on the other. The fight was a game one. The shooting was the result of a dispute over a case thrown out of the criminal district court. It involved the character of relatives of the duellists on one side, and, according to the Texas code of honor, could only be settled by blood.

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Rivals Fight Duel.
Jeffersonville, Ind., June 8.—Thomas True and Floyd Nelson are rivals for the hand of Rose Moore, who lives in Indiana avenue. Wednesday they met at her home, and each was determined to outstay the other. At midnight the bitter feelings of the young men could not be restrained, and each drew a revolver. Four shots were exchanged, one of which entered Nelson's mouth and lodged in his throat. Both men were arrested, Nelson's wound not being considered dangerous. Miss Moore went into hysterics and swooned when the police arrived.

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Ranchmen Fight; Two Injured.
Piedmont, Wyo., June 10.—In a clash between ranchmen, cowboys and sheepherders twenty miles from here, two of the latter were wounded. The herders were ordered out of the country and on refusing to leave were attacked. All their horses were shot and wagons burned, while several head of sheep were butchered.

AGUINALDO FOR CONGRESS.

Don Manuel de Aguirre Says the Filipinos May Send Him.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 10.—Don Manuel de Aguirre, who married the sister of Emilio Aguinaldo, today passed through Los Angeles en route to New Orleans. He says he left Manila after Aguinaldo's capture. He talked with him and is convinced he will not visit America, but will settle down on his estates near Cavite and learn the life of a planter. De Aguirre says the Filipino population never was in favor of war against the United States. Those generals now in rebellion are only brigands and will either surrender or lay down their arms as soon as their followers tire of them. He said in conclusion: "If Aguinaldo returns to politics and desires it his people will send him to represent them as a delegate in your congress, as later we must have representation, no matter what kind of government is established."

MILLIONS WIN NO FAVOR.

Significant Remarks of New Pastor of Mr. Rockefeller's Church.
Cleveland, O., June 10.—Remarks made by the Rev. Dr. C. A. Eaton, the new pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, at a reception given him last night have caused much comment because of talk that John D. Rockefeller dominates the church. Following Mr. Rockefeller's welcoming address, Dr. Eaton said: "I come to this city to work for the glory of God. I come here to make friendships and to give friendship, and I want to say that my friendship is something which cannot be bought. It will be given alike to the man of many millions and to the plain worker for wages, and upon exactly the same terms. Manhood is God's only measure of value."

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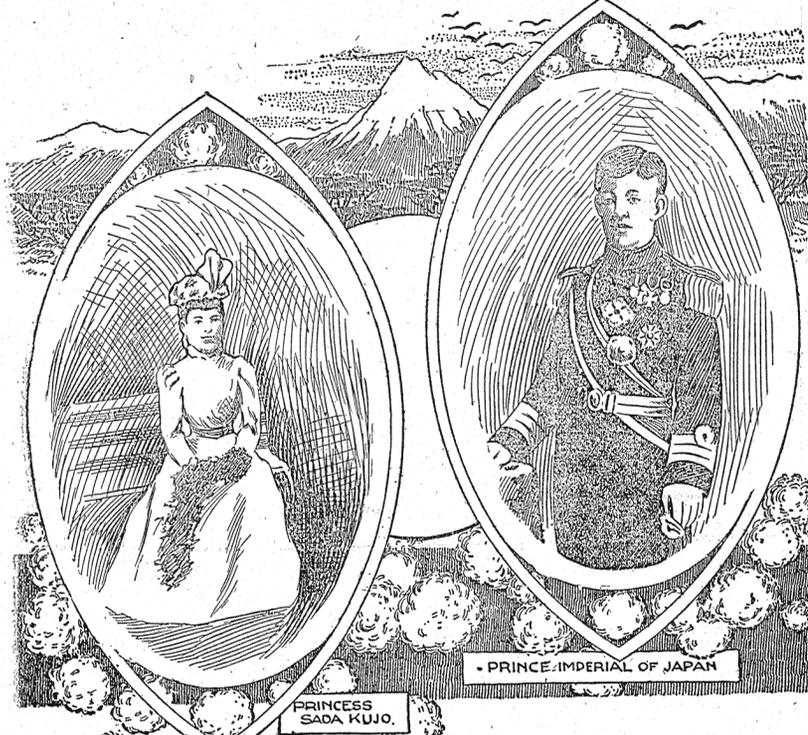
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Today every house in Japan is decorated with two Japanese flags crossed above a white lantern which bears the motto, "Long Life to the Mikado." Scarlet and purple tassels of congratulation are swinging at every gateway, and all cities, towns and villages are holding public meetings where, again and again, the toasts are proposed of "Yenko Heika Ban-zai!" "Nippon Yekoku Ban-zai!" (Long live the mikado! Long life to the land of the rising sun!)

Always the response is enthusiastic and prolonged shouts of "Ban-zai!" which means "Ten thousand years of prosperity to the mikado!"

All schools are closed and the streets thronged with happy-faced children in holiday attire, the clattering clogs and tinkling hairpins forming an accompaniment to the weird notes of "Kimigayo," with which the whole land is resounding.

"Kimigayo" is the national song of Japan. It is a quaint, minor melody, the words of which were gathered with other troubadour songs and put into book form by a mikado who lived about one thousand years ago. It is sung at the present time with more heartiness than has echoed in its loyal words for many a day, for this little prince is the first child born of an empress for many generations.

Not only the Japanese rejoice over this. The missionaries, ever since the marriage last May of the Crown Prince Haru and the Princess Sodoaki, have been offering up earnest prayers, and in the heavenly reply many of them behold a promise of the final abolition of the handmaid system.

This custom came into existence several hundred years ago for the purpose of averting a threatened national disaster. Probably nine-tenths of the Japanese even today have an unquestioning faith in the divine origin of the mikado and sincerely believe that were this line to perish the empire would at

instructs and cares for them with genuine love and pride. The real mother never has anything to do with the children, but she occupies a position of honor until the death of the mikado, after which she retires to some quiet palace, where she is always looked upon as an honored widow.

Nevertheless the child of an empress brings especial happiness to the people, and this little one, the first for almost 300 years, is greeted all over the land with every token of joy and honor the people can show. And in the palace not only will the Japanese ceremonies of welcome be observed, but all foreign ones as well.

E. I. SUGIMOTO.

She Slumped the Broker.
In more than one way woman's interest in stocks is manifested in a surprising way. A broker who has a branch office near Herald square, New York, is telling his friends of an amusing incident which happened last Tuesday. He looked up from the ticker suddenly to witness a vision of the prettiest of young girls, exquisitely dressed, who, without the slightest warning, had appeared upon his threshold and demanded, "How's sugar?"

The broker's first impulse was to say it was sweet; surely just such a girl could have no other interest in the commodity. But the girl, with refreshing candor, went on to say: "You see, I bought some shares in Sugar the other day and I just wanted to see how it was. I saw you had a ticker and I didn't think you'd mind, you know."

London's American Colony.

So fast has the American colony in London multiplied that an enterprising firm of English publishers has decided to issue a directory of it. They expect to incorporate the names of no less than 35,000 residents of Yankee extraction whom business or international marriages have temporarily or permanently added to London's population. The directory will be both commercial and social. Renting agents in all parts of London testify to the growing number of American residents. One office building landlord in the "city" suggests the erection of a great forty-storyed sky scraper, where all Yankee business may be huddled together, in order that owners of other buildings may hear an end of the in-

hoofs. The occupant of the team, whose fright had prevented him from checking the horse's speed, resuscitated Keener.

Apple Is Medicinal.

The apple is such common fruit that few are familiar with its remarkable efficacious properties. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing they can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. The apple is an excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid in it than any other vegetable known. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. That is not all. The apple agglutinates the surplus acids of the stomach, helps the kidney secretions, and is one of the best preventives known of diseases of the throat.

The Little Doggie Fad.

Fashions in dogs are changing, and actresses who display their beribboned pets on the promenades these afternoons are canvassing the canine market for new specimens. French poodles had the call for a time. Now popular fancy has turned to diminutive black and tans, the smaller the better. Julia Marlowe has one scarcely bigger than a kitten, and Minnie Ashley appeared in Fifth avenue, New York, recently, with two of them, tied with ribbons and trotting along tandem fashion to the great amusement of the crowd.

Overcrowding Medical Profession.

Statistics of the country relating to physicians indicate the possibility, if not the actuality, of overcrowding in the medical profession. It was found in the census year that there was one registered physician to every 655 people in the United States. That the number is in excess of the need is evidenced by a comparison with Germany, where, in 1898, there was only one physician to each 2,114 inhabitants, or relatively about one-third as many as in the United States.—New York Post.

The United States government gives

its sailors only 30 cents a day each to live on, but the American navy is better fed than any other navy in the world.

Package of Money Is Missing.

Rome, N. Y., June 10.—On Tuesday the First National bank of this city ordered from the Fourth National bank of New York \$2,000 in \$1 and \$2 bills. It was shipped Wednesday. The bill came all right, but no package for the bank. An unaddressed package came, done up like a money package and sealed. The bank, thinking this might be the one looked for, has opened it, and found it to contain nothing but brown paper scraps. The express company is investigating.

Babeock Funeral Wednesday.

New York, June 10.—The funeral of the Rev. Dr. Malbille D. Babeock will take place from the Brick Presbyterian church on Wednesday next. The funeral sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Dr. Babeock's predecessor in the Brick church pastorate. The body is on the North German Lloyd steamship Trave, which is due in New York next Tuesday.

Cuban Asks \$200,000 Damages.

Washington, June 8.—Guillermo Machado of Santiago de Valle, Santa Clara Province, Cuba, has submitted a claim for \$200,000 to the Spanish treaty claims commission because of the destruction of his sugar plantation by insurgents and Spanish troops.