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Interests of the Nations-- Book News and Miscellany

By Willis Fletcher Johnson

Japanese Democracy Its Voice Raised Against Bureaucratic Feudalism

THE VOICE OF JAPANESE DEMOCRACY. Being an essay on constitutional democracy. By Otsuka Yoshio. Pp. 120. \$1.00. Doubleday, Page & Co. Wash.

It is not matter alone that assumes protean forms, but in politics, also, "things are not what they seem." There is, in spirit, very little difference between the feudal and the bureaucratic systems; for the latter may be but the former come to life again in new dress and men, though its spirit, accursed of the common, may be the same. A generation ago, on the fall of Japanese feudalism, a certain American, familiar with history, on being inquired by a native "What was Japan's greatest danger?" answered: "Bureaucracy, for it threatens to undo the result of the abolition of feudalism."

Certain is it that after the revolution of 1868 and the restoration of the Mikado to supreme power the men of two clans, Satsuma and Choshu, kept power for a generation or more, while filling pretty much all of the high posts in the army, navy and civil government, with their fellow clansmen. Meanwhile the men of other clans, abolished in form but not in spirit were outraged by seeing the clique in power acting as virtual autocrats. In the constitution, made in a crisis, so to speak, under their direction, postponed and finally promulgated in 1889, the ministers of state were instructed in power by being made responsible to the sovereign. Instead of to the people's representatives in the Diet. In a word, the Prussian, in place of the British, model and spirit were followed.

Against this Mr. Ozaki, author of this book, ex-Minister of Justice and ex-Mayor of Tokio, has for years protested, and his essay like his handling of the subject, is a fiery blast against oligarchy, pseudo-mikadoism and the so-called Prussianism so long in vogue in Japanese statecraft.

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The Shadow of the Cathedral

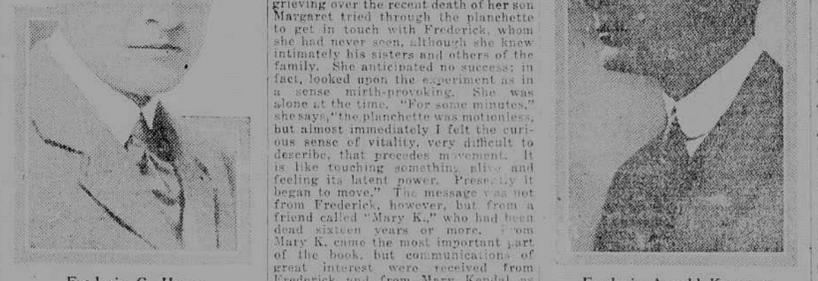
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Studies of the Occult-- Life Here and Hereafter

Psychic Phenomena

THE SEVEN PURSUES. By Margaret Cameron. Pp. 214. Harper & Bros. This is no ordinary book that Margaret Cameron has put out—we cannot say that she has written it in the sense in which those words are commonly used. It is not a composition but a record. Margaret Cameron is well known as a writer of fiction, and continues, although married, to use her maiden name even when giving a serious work to the reading public. The subtitle of this book is "An Experience in Psychic Phenomena"—assuredly a most remarkable experience. The record is unique. The book containing it is one to be read and pondered, and then re-read and again pondered. It is suggestive, stimulating, gripping. It has the fascination of the best fiction—and more. By many it will doubtless be accepted as convincing.

Until March 3 of the present year Margaret Cameron had no interest in psychic phenomena, and had no intention on the subject except an occasional magazine article. She had never been a student of philosophy. She had been convinced that individual life continued after death, and she had played with a planchette, and after the United States entered the world war she decided to experiment with it again. The instrument lay almost a year untouched in its box, and when finally put to the test there was no success. However, beginning on the date named, the use of the planchette began with results that cannot be described by any less engaging word than amazing. (It may be noted here that the names and initials used in the record are in the main fictitious, but obvious extensions of the name of the recorder is called "Margaret" throughout the book we will use that name when mentioning her.)



Frederic A. Howe ("The Only Possible Peace," Charles Scribner's Sons).

part of the world under international control. When he says, however, that the Mediterranean Sea should be made international territory we cannot help wondering where since the World War, it has been anything else. It is all very well to say that the Balkan States, Turkey, Asia Minor, Mesopotamia and Persia should be internationalized. But let us clearly recognize the fact that that would mean utter disregard of the right of small states to independent existence; and remember, too, that nothing is ever been so near than the attempt, quixotic and vain, to internationalize territory. Mr. Howe is much in earnest, and he says much that will stimulate thought. But we cannot believe that the breaking down of separate and even exclusive nationalities is the only means of assuring peace.

A Lincoln Anthology

THE BOOK OF LINCOLN. Compiled by Mary Wright Davis. Illustrated. Pp. 399. George H. Dutton, Inc. This splendid volume is an anthology and something more. It is a compendium, an encyclopaedia. It contains a Lincoln genealogy, chronology, biography, bibliography. It contains the texts of Lincoln's most famous utterances. It contains, classified in a dozen categories, a multitude of the best things that have been written of Lincoln in verse during many years in many lands. It contains the fine reproductions of various portraits of Lincoln and of scenes relating to him. In brief, it contains just the things which the average American wants to have about Lincoln, and wants to have just where he can turn to them in an instant without searching through any voluminous system of other books; one may or may not have about the "First American" he should surely have this.

Fighting the Spoilsman

FIGHTING THE SPOILSMAN. By William Faulkner. Pp. 248. G. P. Putnam & Sons. "Long ago and far away" seems the time when it was reckoned "smart" to sneer at civil service reform and the "Chinese market" system. Yet in fact it was well within the memory of men not yet grown old. The story of the fight against the spoilsman in the public service is full of interest, of humor, and of instruction and inspiration to American citizens. There is nobody better fitted to tell it than Mr. Faulkner because of his long and intimate work with the cause of civil service reform and because of his fine craftsmanship as a writer. In addition to an intensely interesting narrative, largely personal, the volume contains a number of addresses, briefs and other documents, the whole forming a valuable contribution to the permanent literature of good government.

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With Pen and Press Current Activities of Authors and Publishers

Doubleday, Page & Co. announce postponement until a later date in the spring of Harold Blansford's "Heroic Record of the British Navy." Boni & Liveright will publish in March a Socialist novel by Upton Sinclair entitled "Jimmie Higgins." Ralph Connor, whose book, "The Sky Pilot of No Man's Land," will be brought out in February by George H. Doran Company, has gone to England to gather material for a new story.

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