

Holland's Rule in the East Indies

W. J. Bryan Describes the Dutch Plan of Colonial Government

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 2.—As the Dutch have

announced in what they call the Netherlands

India a colonial system quite different

from that of other nations, I have thought

it worth while to make some inquiries

concerning it.

The Malay archipelago, which might

also be described as a continent of up

land islands, is formed of a group of

islands, the largest of which is Sumatra.

Some of the islands are larger than

European states, and some are smaller

than the British Isles.

On the map the islands of the archipelago

look like a string of beads, but in fact

they are separated by deep channels

of water, and the islands themselves

are of various shapes and sizes.

The Dutch archipelago is the home of

one of the most interesting and varied

faunas and floras in the world.

There are in some of the islands

remnants of aboriginal tribes, but the

Malays from time immemorial have

occupied the islands, and they have

developed a civilization of their own.

The Dutch have shown themselves

to be a people of continuous and systematic

labor where they have been subjected

to coercion, or where a sufficient inducement

has been presented as a stimulus, but

the depressing influence of a continuous

summer, added to the beauty of the tropics,

has naturally made them less industrious

than those in the temperate zone.

The chief thing required by the Malay is

the satisfaction of his appetite. The

children are large and seem to enjoy

the show as much as ducks do. In

Sourabaya, the second city in Java, we

saw a group of them naked sliding on

their stomachs on the marble floor of an

open of the coast that they relied upon

him in a body and patied his house with

no. In all of the Malay States the opium

is turned to account by the rulers. In

some places the sale of opium is a Govern-

ment monopoly, while in others it is farmed

out to the highest bidder.

In North Borneo there is a district called

Sarawak, and ruled by an Englishman

who is known as Rajah Brooke. When

we were passing through Singapore I

noticed in a morning paper an advertise-

ment wherein the Sarawak Government

asked for bids for a three years lease of

the opium farm, gambling farm and arrack

farm (arrack is the native name for an

intoxicating liquor).

In all of the archipelago the views of

the government seem to be commensurate

with the views of the people, and I was

reminded of the Chinese official at Peking

who jokingly informed me that he had a

selfish reason for opposing the boycott of

American goods in that it would deprive

him of American cigarettes, of which he

was very fond.

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DANGERS OF ORCHID HUNTING

RARE PLANTS GOE HIGH BE- CAUSE THEY'RE HARD TO GET.

One Year Fight West, Fever, Treachery and Other Perils of a Tropical Forest

Now Foresterman Tells His Story in His New Book 'The Orchid Hunters'

An orchid was sold at auction in London

for \$2,000, a new record for such plants,

and the man who paid the high price

probably believes that he got a bargain.

The orchid must have been a beautiful one

or it would not have been bid up to such a figure,

and it must have been the only one of the species in the

country.

Its owner now has a monopoly on that particular flower,

and he is always enjoying, happily, the

thought of the money that he will receive

when he sells another one like it, and that is

improbable. He can divide it and dispose

of the new plants at a good price as long

as his plant remains rare, and if he is a

collector whose hobby is his orchid house

his new purchase delights him not only

because of its beauty but because it be-

longs to him and him alone. It is some-

thing to be proud of.

Rare orchids are of necessity expensive

plants. They cost a lot of money, and

sometimes human lives, before they ever

arrive in London, where most of the best

ones are sent. The men who hunt them

are not always successful, and they are

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EARLY AMERICAN GEOLOGY

Errors and Conditions of the Pioneers of the Science a Century Ago.

The latest report of the United States Geological Survey

contains a history of American geology

from 1785 to the present. It is written by

Dr. George P. Merrill and tells the story

of the rise and progress of the geological

science in this country. It is a history

of the science of the earth, and it is

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DIFFICULTIES OF JAPANESE

A GRAMMAR MAN TAKES THE WORDS AND LAYS THE WORK.

How the Japanese Language is Taught in America

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VICES TURNED TO ACCOUNT.

Professors of the Chinese agitation

against Exclusion act, it is interesting to

know that the Chinese born in Java

presented a petition to the Governor

THE DUTCH SYSTEM.

The Dutch have governed Java

through the five years of British rule

forced labor was abolished and a land

tax substituted for the one-fifth rule,

Killed Big Sturgeon in a Ditch.

Grand Forks correspondence

The State Game Warden may be

called upon for a ruling as to whether

the present is an open season for the

Some One Found the Whiskey.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

Somebody has two barrels of

whiskey that belonged to T. Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald was a very anxious

INDIAN AND THE TELEPHONE.

Muskogee correspondence

There is correspondence in the

central office of the telephone

company at Muskogee, Okla.,