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DENISON, JAPANESE LEADER.

AN AMERICAN THE POWER BEHIND THE MIKADO'S THRONE.

For Thirty Years He Has Held an Important Place in the Tokio Foreign Office—Shuns Publicity—Started Life as a Department Clerk in Washington.

Henry Denison, the American member of the Japanese Foreign Office, who was practically unknown except to the diplomats of the world until the time of the Portsmouth peace conference, is really the power behind the throne. There have been aliens beside and behind other thrones, says a writer in T. P. O. Mr. T. P. O'Connor's new English weekly, but in no modern State does there live a man bearing the relation to his Government and exercising the wide and beneficent influence with its powerful neighbors that Denison does in Japan. For nearly thirty years he has held his post in the Foreign Office in Tokio.

He is a modest man, this Denison; one who has always kept himself in the background, and his work for a quarter of a century is merged, unidentified, in the general accomplishment of the Government which he serves.

If circumstances were different, says his English admirer who has written the biography of him, his name would probably be as familiar in London as those of Lansdowne, Grey, Hay, Delcasse, Von Bulow, Lamson and the rest, for he is of their rank.

Denison prefers the satisfaction that comes from work well done rather than the praise of the world. He lives quietly in one of the smaller official residences in Tokio, almost a recluse save to his intimate friends, to whom he is said to bring a charming simplicity of manner, a splendid measure of warmth and geniality and a delightful flow of wit and humor.

He is said rather to avoid the social life of the city and manifestly to shun the inevitable intrigue and personal political play of the diplomatic capital. He rarely absents himself for a day from the Foreign Office, to which he goes early and at which he frequently remains until far into the night.

Outside of an official list that shows that he ranks next to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Japan, that he is a judge of the Hague tribunal and that he was officially included in the Japanese peace embassy at Portsmouth, nothing official concerning him can be found.

Born in Vermont some time in the '40s, he went to Washington as a young collegian to take a departmental clerkship and there he remained through the civil war.

Progress in the department was slow, no great seeming to be made, and he was dismissed by the humdrum life Denison sought and obtained a consular clerkship at Yokohama.

Japan was just then opening up to our world and upon the few known facts of the country had been built romance that kindled the imagination of the young consular clerk.

He crossed the Pacific late in the '60s upon a journey that was to open to him his great career in life. These peculiar days had just prepared Denison for his career.

There were extra territorial rights in those days, and from those rights came the first and greatest of Denison's triumphs. As a consular clerk he was on a cash basis (licitious values being eliminated), interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum will be charged on deferred payments.

Denison's inclination was to the law. Yet a student of law because of the necessities of his work, he later became a master of it through his growing love for it. The possessor of a completely balanced, official mind, a judgment as dispassionate as a machine and a memory almost as accurate as the graver's art, he made splendid progress in the law, and within a few years he resigned from the consular service to practise law privately among the foreign community in Japan.

Frequent examples of his talent brought him to the attention of the Japanese Government, and in 1880 Count Inouye, one of the elder statesmen of Japan, then Minister of Foreign Affairs, invited him to join the permanent staff of his office.

In those years there were hundreds of Western teachers, experts and guides of various kinds in the employ of the Government, teaching the people the ways of the West; but the pupils soon became masters and score by score the instructors were dropped. Only a handful, in rank, pay and consideration.

Denison has broadened and progressed with his work until in his knowledge of international law, the history of diplomacy, usage and custom and the general science of government he is the equal of any living man. It is difficult to single out his particular achievements of this wonderful, silent, reserved man who stands forever in the background, but there has not been an important foreign affair for twenty years in which he has not been consulted.

Throughout the troublesome days of the war with China he was ever at the side of Count Mutsu, then Minister of Foreign Affairs, Denison's part in that piece of history will probably never be known. All that we know of it is that at the close of the war Denison was granted money and the thanks of the royal family.

In the affair with Russia he was constantly at the side of Baron Komura, and the British diploma was heard to declare that Denison wrote in behalf of Japan the bulk of the wonderful correspondence from Tokio, pitiful, incisive, clear and logical, that preceded the treaty.

The same British diplomat was authority for the statement that Denison advised the Japanese Government throughout the negotiations for the first treaty alliance with Great Britain.

Denison played an important part in the treaty which, ten years ago, claimed the attention of the world, and there have been few domestic concerns of high importance in which his wonderful knowledge, judgment and resource have not been used to great advantage by the Japanese Government. At Portsmouth, when Witte and Komura had concluded peace, Denison was designated, on behalf of the Japanese, to frame the agreement and treaty that were later signed.

There have been changes innumerable in the government of Japan since Denison first entered the service, but each succeeding cabinet has recognized his worth and insisted on his retention. He has received the highest decorations and there is no one to whom he is not prince of the blood, and if he ever cared to take advantage of great honorary position he would be welcomed everywhere throughout the land as a great noble. He is one of a very small number of foreigners ever admitted to the slightest of intimate approaches to the Emperor, and among his varied possessions a several costly imperial presents.

Knights as Weathercocks.

From Country Life.

There is a very quaint and old world superstition in connection with the kingfisher, which fancy still abounds here and there in remote parts of the countryside. The superstition is this: that if a stuffed or dried kingfisher be suspended by a thread or string from the beam or ceiling of a room, it will cause the ways turn in the direction of the prevailing wind.

How the notion first arose and how, in the light of common sense and inquiry, it has been so long perpetuated it is hard to say; but it is clear that the superstition is a very old one, and a clear recollection as a youngster of going into a humble cottage in the shires and seeing a stuffed kingfisher thus suspended as a weather vane.

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Dusenbery & Co., medium size, ebony.....	300	75	Jacob Bros., largest size, walnut case, solid panels.....	\$25	\$200	Starr, burl walnut (new).....	\$50	\$25
McEwen & Co., ebony.....	350	75	Kennington, mahogany (new).....	300	200	Behr Bros. & Co., boudoir size.....	395	275
Fischer, ebonized case, solid panels.....	350	150	New England, largest size, dark mahogany, solid panels.....	375	200	Knabe, rosewood, large size.....	550	275
McEwen & Co., ebony.....	300	150	Schleicher & Sons, Flemish oak, like new.....	325	200	Steinway & Sons, ebony, small size.....	500	275
Reiman, medium size, mahogany case, like new.....	250	150	Smith & Barnes, largest size, mahogany.....	325	200	Starr, dark oak, plain panel, discontinued style.....	350	285
Wissner, rosewood, in good condition.....	300	150	Smith & Barnes, largest size, walnut.....	275	200	Everett, large size, walnut case, hand-carved panels (new like).....	450	295
Waters & Co., ebony, good condition.....	300	150	Wissner, mahogany case, massive hand-carved panels.....	300	200	Behr Bros. & Co., walnut, Empire model.....	450	300
Chickering, walnut, medium size.....	500	175	Schiller, Hungarian ash, large size, like new.....	325	215	Winter & Co., Empire model, mahogany.....	400	300
Heller & Co., medium size, mahogany.....	250	175	Smith & Barnes, largest size, figured mahogany case.....	325	215	Knabe, Colonial model, oak.....	550	300
Howard & Co., mahogany.....	325	175	Richmond, large size, mahogany case, like new.....	350	215	Steinway & Sons, medium size, ebonized case, like new.....	600	325
Wheeler, ebony, medium size.....	350	175	Behning & Sons, largest size, dark mahogany.....	400	225	Chickering & Sons, Parlor Grand.....	950	350
Cambridge, dark mahogany.....	275	185	Chase, largest size, mahogany case.....	300	225	Behr Bros. & Co., walnut, Louis XV. model.....	500	375
Shawmut, largest size, plain panels.....	350	190	Heller & Co., medium size, mahogany.....	275	225	Knabe, medium size, mahogany.....	500	375
Emerson, medium size, mahogany.....	300	195	Heller & Co., mahogany, plain panels.....	275	225	Knabe, Colonial model, mahogany.....	575	425
Emerson, medium size, mahogany.....	250	195	Smith & Barnes, mahogany, massive carving around top.....	325	225	Knabe, Colonial model, mahogany.....	575	425
Emerson, walnut, but little used.....	325	200	Heller & Co., Empire model, discontinued style mahogany.....	300	240	Knabe, Baby Grand, mahogany.....	850	675
Emerson, medium size, mahogany.....	325	200	Chickering & Sons, medium size, rosewood.....	450	250	Knabe, Baby Grand, mahogany.....	850	675
Heller & Co., rosewood, medium size.....	250	200	Kranich & Bach, largest size, rosewood case.....	450	250	Starr, dark oak, plain panel, discontinued style.....	450	275
Heller & Co., medium size, walnut.....	250	200	Starr, dark oak, plain panel, discontinued style.....	450	250			

Special Terms for August Sale. Upright Pianos priced at \$200 or under, \$10 cash and \$5 monthly. Over \$200 to \$300, \$10 cash and \$6 monthly. Over \$300 to \$400, \$10 cash and \$10 monthly. Grand Pianos, \$25 cash and \$20 monthly. As to Pianos on our floor on a cash basis (licitious values being eliminated), interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum will be charged on deferred payments.

APPLE TREES 80 YEARS OLD.

Planted by Indians at a Historic Michigan Spot.

Vernon correspondence Detroit Free Press.

Planted by the Indians eighty years ago, when the spot was an Indian reservation and the trees were still standing and bearing ground, two apple trees still stand by the side of the bank of the Shiawassee River near here.

The trees are now of mammoth size, measuring respectively six and eight feet in circumference, and notwithstanding their age they are still in a healthy condition and bear fruit each year.

Near where they stand were located the first settlements made by white men in Shiawassee county about 100 years ago. In those early days the spot was one of the chief trading points in this locality. It was located on one of the first trails hereabouts, and being also on the river bank was accessible by travel. In those days water was used for travel a good deal more than it is now.

So large was the business done by Indians and fur traders that in 1810 a bank was established here. It was one of the wildest varieties so common in those days, and issued a great amount of the wildest currency.

Tradition has it that while the bank was doing a flourishing business some of the large holders of its currency became uneasy about the security for the redemption of the paper and planned a raid to liquidate the bank. The bank officials, hearing of the plan, took the bank's specie and buried it near the river. There still live in that vicinity some old-timers who believe that the money is buried there yet, and many excavations have been made in the hope of uncovering some of it.

The trend of progress has been away from this spot, and any one visiting there to-day will find a peaceful farming community, but if one chooses to spend a little time cultivating the acquaintance of the older inhabitants will find a wealth of historic lore and quaint traditions of pioneer life which will reward the effort.

Immense Size of Mexican Ranches.

From Modern Mexico.

Ranches in Mexico are of no mean size. Ex-Gov. Terrazas of Chihuahua has 17,000,000 acres. The Zuloaga family is said to hold 5,000,000. Properties of 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 acres are not uncommon. Among the Americans who have large ranches may be mentioned Fleming & Ross, the Riverside Cattle Company, with 2,000,000 acres and a fine herd of Herefords; Phoebe Hearst of California, who has a magnificent place west of Fortna; the Millers, and the three Mormon colonies, Gordon, Ironides & Ferris, a Canadian company, have 1,000,000 acres; Lord Bessford, a relative of the Admiral, has a large ranch where he raises fine horses; another Englishman, named Irmitstead, owns a large property. Smaller places of from 40,000 acres upward are numerous. The price of land now runs from \$10 to 75 cents gold per acre, with a strong tendency to rise.

Sure Enough Americans Now.

From Philippine Education.

The baseball team of the provincial school of Nueva Ecija at San Isidro claims the championship over all native teams of the three provinces of Nueva Ecija, Bulacan and Pampanga.

Some time in March the San Isidro team went to San Fernando, Pampanga, and on Saturday morning played the San Fernando team and won. After an intermission of thirty minutes the San Isidro team reluctantly played a second game. The latter team had been sitting in the shade all the morning waiting.

On the afternoon of March 30, the girls' basketball teams played an exhibition game. It was a spirited game from start to finish. All the prominent Filipinos came to witness the game and every one was highly pleased with the innovation.

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