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### \$230,000,000 PORT BUDGET FOR JAPAN

#### Vast Increase in Commerce Demands Better Harbors Over Empire.

Special to THE SUN and New York Herald.—Tokyo, June 17.—The Home Department, working with various local organizations, plans the development of Japan's harbors at an expenditure of over \$230,000,000.

For the last year or more shipping accommodations in Yokohama harbor have been woefully inadequate for the handling of the tremendously increasing business of this port. Often all lighters, wharves and sidings spaces have been taxed to their capacity, even to the extent of having lighters tied up at the docks or at anchor in the harbor to serve as warehouses, because of the utter impossibility of moving cargo from the water front.

### BUILDING RECORD IN NEW ZEALAND

#### New Law Sees More New Homes Rising Than Ever Before.

Owing to the Government policy of building homes, particularly for working men, more houses are under construction in New Zealand than at any one time in the history of the country.

At the last session of the Legislature a law was passed which authorized the Government to undertake the construction of such homes. The cost of construction has risen so rapidly during the last few years that private capital did not find building enterprises attractive, and especially with the return of the soldiers housing conditions became most acute.

In the Wellington district 112 houses are being built which the Government will sell at cost to working men, who can pay for them in monthly instalment if desired. In all parts of the islands 123 houses are now in course of construction.

The Government reports that the present cost of constructing a house which could have been erected before the war at \$4,000 has risen to \$5,000. Council General Alfred A. Winslow reports from Auckland that five years ago Oregon pine sold in New Zealand at \$2.55 a hundred feet and that the price is now \$14.50. California redwood has advanced at about the same rate and Australian lumber is expensive and hard to get at any price.

Corrugated iron is largely used for roofing, and the same authority says that a good grade of English corrugated iron sells at \$404 a ton of 2,240 pounds and nails at \$243 a ton.

The success of this programme of building homes for working men is so gratifying to the authorities that an early enlargement of the scheme is probable.

### JAP CITIES ACTIVE FOR BETTER ROADS

#### Imperial Donation Gives Impetus to Move.

The recent imperial donation of three million yen to the fund for road reconstruction work in Tokio has given a considerable impetus to plans of the municipal authorities. It is now reported that the latter have decided, with the sanction of the Municipal Assembly, to carry out the reconstruction plan within a period of seven years, beginning with the current year, at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 yen.

Of this \$1,000,000 yen will be expended on the improvement work itself, and 2,400,000 yen on general business connected with the reconstruction work, while 1,700,000 yen will be set aside as a reserve fund. The instalment for the first year will be \$203,200 yen and for the second year \$314,000 yen, while the average annual expenditure for the remainder of the period will be \$300,000 yen. In order to facilitate work the municipal authorities have decided to establish a Bureau of Roads in the municipal office, and to organize a road improvement board of ten experts.

It is also reported that some of the authorities advocate the employment of some foreign civil engineers in order to insure the successful achievement of the reconstruction work. This proposal, however, has caused public criticism on the ground that it would be a national disgrace to employ foreign engineers for the improvement of the roads in the capital. The general belief is that an agreement will finally be made to secure the assistance of foreign engineers as advisers.

By what methods the work will be carried out is not yet settled. According to the authorities most of the roads will be reconstructed with asphalt, but with due consideration to the special conditions of localities that may require different systems of construction.

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### 1,904 AMERICANS IN JAPAN.

12,809 Chinese and 2,314 Britons, According to Census. According to the latest official statistics, foreigners residing in Japan number as follows: Twelve thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine Chinese, 2,314 Britons, 1,904 Americans, 588 Germans, 440 French, 1,150 Russians, 388 Indians, 215 Portuguese, 497 Swedes, 118 Dutch, 22 Danes, 68 Swedes, 23 Norwegians, 50 Italians, 40 Austro-Hungarians, 55 Spaniards, 22 Belgians, 8 Rumanians, 12 Turks, 253 other nationals, altogether 26,749, besides 3,777 tourists.

### U. S. LEGATION PROTESTS.

Peking Officials Object to Tax on Private Motors. The American Legation at Peking has addressed a protest to the Chinese Government against the automobile tax levied by Gen. Hsu Shu-cheng under which five passenger cars privately used shall pay a tax of \$50 a trip, five passenger cars commercially used shall pay a tax of \$100 and seven passenger cars commercially used shall pay a tax of \$150 a trip. As no road improvements have been carried out by the Chinese Resident General at Urumqi it is felt that the levy is designed to render impossible the present motor car traffic carried on by foreigners between Kaigan and Urumqi across the Gobi Desert.

### DUTCH INDIES TEA CROP.

Will Be 50,000,000 Kilos in East Archipelago. It is estimated that the tea crop of the Dutch East Indies for 1920, according to an issued of the Dutch East Indies Archipelago, will amount to about 50,000,000 kilos, of which quantity 20,000,000 kilos had already been sold in advance of April 1. The tea exports for the 1919 crop, which amounted to about 48,500,000 kilos, indicated that the tea trade of Java was tending toward the reestablishment of the trade routes existing before the war; but notwithstanding the fact that of the \$353,000 kilos of tea exported from Java during January last 2,125,000 kilos went to the Netherlands, it is doubtful if Java will ever return to the position where nearly three-fourth of the crop was shipped to the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, as was the case in the pre-war days.

### DEVELOP CATTLE GRAZING.

Financiers Take Over Tract in Mongolia and Manchuria. Baron Okura of the Okura Company of Japan and Gen. Chang Tsolin, with other representative financiers of both countries, have formed the Chino-Japanese Industrial Development and Cattle Raising Company, which will take advantage of the great grazing opportunities in Manchuria and Mongolia and develop the vast agricultural tracts in those regions.

### New Rail Power House.

The Department of Railways in Japan is to erect a new power house on the Uyeno-Omrya branch of the Tokio Suburban Electric Railway, which will also supply power for this line and for several other sections of the railway in the vicinity. A hydroelectric plant will also be erected at Yokohama. Contracts for equipment have not been placed yet.

### Iron Plant for Manila.

The Honolulu Iron Works Company, one of the largest sugar machinery companies in the world, has purchased land in Manila for the erection of a machine and machine tool factory. Marked increase in iron and steel imports is expected to follow.

### Oil in Western Formosa.

Rich oil fields have been opened in western Formosa by engineers of the Japanese navy. The product will be used primarily for fuel for the navy.

### U. S. Uses Jap China Ware.

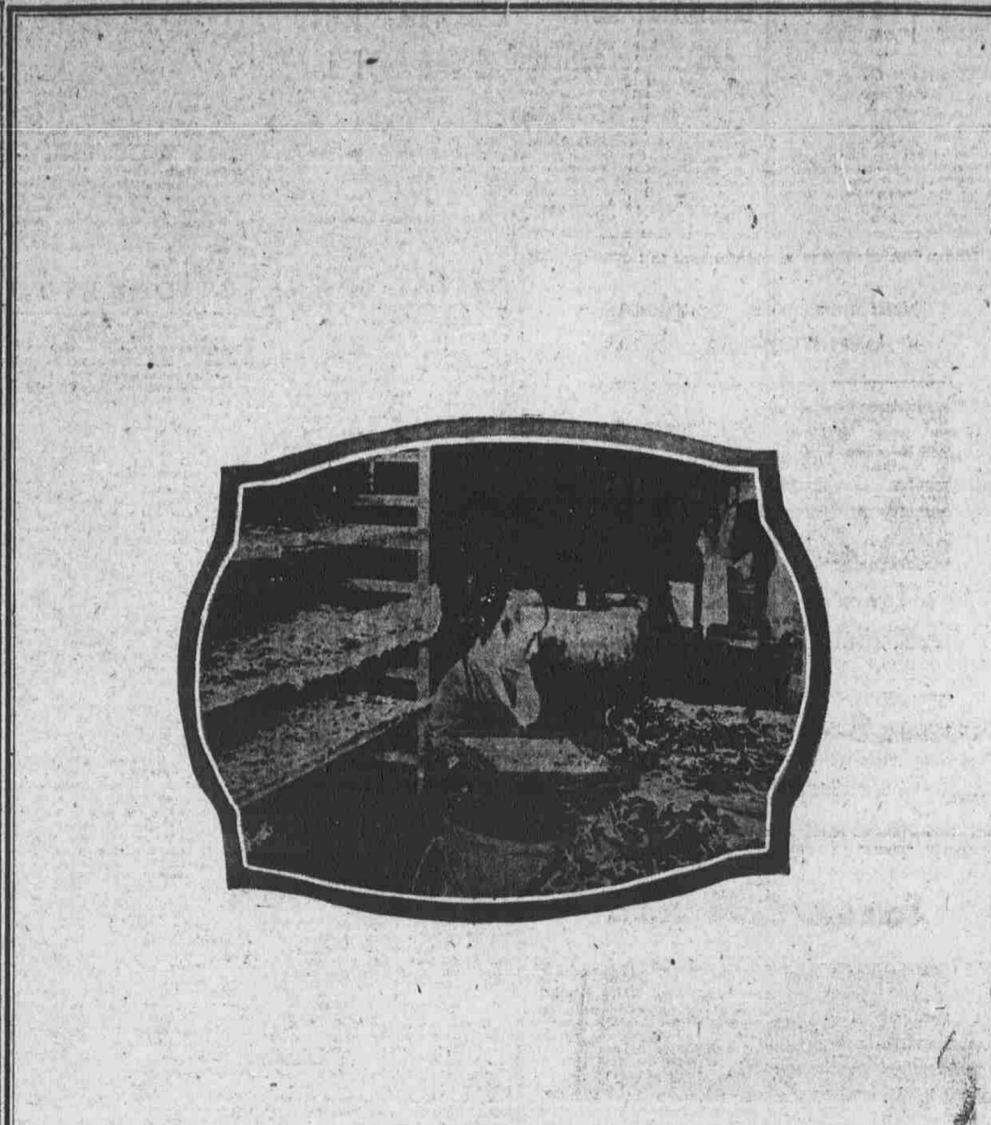
In 1919 Japan exported \$11,500,000 worth of china and porcelain wares, the United States being the most important consumer of these products.

### Embargo on Dyes Lifted.

Consular cables from Singapore state that the embargo on the importation of dyes not made in the British Empire has been temporarily suspended.

### Manchuria Drought Beckons.

The drought in Manchuria has been broken by a heavy rainfall, and the danger of the failure of the soy bean crop and of a cereal famine has passed.



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The hungry worms eat so much and grow so fast that in the first five weeks of life they increase in size many times. But in these five weeks they eat enough to last them the rest of their lives. When satiated, they grow restless and the farmer is glad, because he knows his worms are ready to go to work.

### CHINA NOW IS AN ACTUAL MARKET

No Longer Only Potential, Says an Expert.

Speaking of the commercial possibilities in China, Mr. K. C. Li of the Wah Chang Trading Company and the Wah Chang Mining and Engineering Corporation said recently: "It is a mistake, I think, to continue to regard China as a potential market. China to-day is an actual and the most profitable market for the industrial countries in the West and the United States in particular. To give but one example to illustrate my point, I refer you to the rapid development of the cotton industry in China, of which one of our honorable guests this noon is the leading spirit. The cotton industry in China has recently been so rapidly developed that cotton mills spring up as if they were mushrooms. To my own knowledge, one American firm alone sold more than \$3,000,000 worth of cotton machinery last year and the American cotton machinery manufacturers have already sold their 1922 product. Now this is but one branch of modern industry which China is developing. There are many others, and in their development China will need the expert knowledge of the West and modern machinery.

"Inasmuch as the Chinese people have great confidence in you Americans—greater in you than in anybody else—and inasmuch as the United States is doing everything in her power to help China to help herself, I am inclined to think that if you should grasp this opportunity and utilize the asset which is yours the bulk of the Chinese trade will come to you."

### TYPHUS PRECAUTION HOLDS UP IMPERATOR

Steerage Passengers From Stricken Districts Aboard.

The Emperor of the Cunard Line, from Southampton and Cherbourg, arrived yesterday afternoon in Quarantine in ample time to dock before midnight, but the Health Officer decided to hold her until to-day, pending inspection of her large number of steerage passengers, because it is alleged that she failed to comply with the quarantine regulations at Cherbourg. The White Star liner Olympic had a similar experience recently.

Some of the steerage passengers embarking at Cherbourg, it is said, came originally from districts where typhus has been epidemic. They will be sent to Hoffman Island for observation. Most of the cabin passengers will land to-day at the Cunard pier. A small number elected to come up last evening in boats furnished by the company.

Among the cabin passengers was Rear Admiral Henry B. Sigsbee, who succeeded Admiral William S. Sims as commander of the American naval forces in European waters. Admiral Knapp ordered the Black Sea on a tour of inspection early in the spring, and on April 20 visited the Sultan of Turkey in Constantinople. On his return from the Black Sea cruise the Admiral passed some time in Spain and Portugal.