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Attempted Suicide of Councillor Akiyama.

Yesterday afternoon about half-past 2 o'clock, Mr. Akiyama, Councillor of the Foreign Office, attempted to commit suicide by *harakiri* at his residence at Fukide-cho, Shiba, Tokyo. It appears that he returned to his home about 2 o'clock and telling his mother that he had left the office earlier than usual on account of his feeling unwell. Mr. Akiyama retired to his room and went on bed. Half an hour later when a maid servant entered his room he was found lying prostrate in a pool of blood with a sword in his right hand. On an alarm being given Dr. Asada, living in the neighborhood, was immediately sent for and he arrived to the house without delay. On examination it was discovered that there were two wounds one in the throat and the other in the abdomen. The former was about two inches long and 3/4 of an inch deep and the latter eight inches long and two inches deep. Mr. Akiyama was in a very weak condition but his reasoning faculties were all right. The mother asked for the motive of his rash act but he refused to disclose it and begged her not to send for more doctors. Subsequently Dr. Sysaki and Surgeon Kondo of the Imperial University, arrived and the wounds were attended to. The wound in the abdomen is said to have taken fifty stitches in the surgical operation. After the treatment the patient has been unable to talk, and is in a state of unconsciousness. The doctors believe that the patient will recover if no other troubles were supervene. In the throat the wind-pipe was entirely cut but as the artery was not touched it did not prove fatal. As to the cause which led Mr. Akiyama to commit attempted *felo de se* nothing is known as so far no paper bearing relation to it was found. It will be remembered he was sent to Hawaii by the Government when the trouble between Japan and Hawaii occurred and remained there for some time assisting Minister Shimamura in the negotiations with the Republican Government. When it was almost decided to entrust the dispute to the arbitration of a third party Mr. Akiyama left Honolulu by the steamer Gaelic on the 24th of July, and returned to Japan. Since then he is stated to have always been buried in sombre meditation and apparently brooding over some unpleasant situation. From the reports thus far published his deed hardly seems as the outcome of insanity and there must be something at the bottom of this sad affair. Many people naturally think that his recent mission to Hawaii was in some respects the cause of the tragedy.—*Japan Mail*.

The Yellow and White Races

The confederation or alliance of the yellow race against the encroachment of the white peoples, is an idea which finds favor with a certain class of writers in Japan, and which we have always regarded as being in the highest degree impractical and pernicious. We are glad to observe that the same opinion on this mischievous doctrine is held by the Kokumin-no-Tomo. Our contemporary justly remarks that, if this dream of a yellow confederation is to be carried out, Japan must be prepared to face the antagonism of the whole civilized world. The countries of the yellow race, besides Japan, are limited to Korea, China, and Siam. Supposing, what is almost impossible, that these countries can be brought into firm union under a treaty of offensive and defensive alliance, is there anybody bold enough to think that they have the strength to hold their own against the people of the white race? The idea is, as our contemporary implies, simply absurd. The Kokumin admits that race prejudice constitutes one of the most potent factors that move the world, as is conspicuously evidenced by the attitude of the European Powers towards Turkey. But our contemporary asks its countrymen to reflect and consider calmly whether it would not

be highly injurious to their country's interests to call this dangerous motive force of international action into play. Japan, observes that journal, has a duty to perform toward the other yellow nations of the Far East, and that is to lead them along the path of modern civilization. But all the notion of uniting them for the purpose of checking the progress of Western nations, has to be abandoned once for all, for the only consequence of such an idea will be serious injury to Japan's interests as a member of the family of civilized nations. It is of urgent importance that these things should be rightly understood by our countrymen, for, as the Kokumin-no-Tomo observes truly, there already exists in the West a strong anti-Japanese feeling, which it should be our earnest endeavor to remove as far as possible instead of encouraging by extravagant and impossible notices of an anti-Occidental combination of the yellow race. In order to avert the dangers lying before Japan's path, it is of paramount importance to us to rely on the principles of justice and humanity. The worst enemies of Japan are those who try to encourage the feeling of race prejudice against the civilized nations into whose community we have just entered.—*Japan Times*.

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