

# JAPANESE FINANCIAL COMMISSION VISITS HAWAII ON WAY TO COAST

### America and Japan Must Work Together to End War, Asserts Baron T. Megata

BARON MEGATA



Head of Japanese Financial Mission to the United States.

"By concerted efforts the United States and Japan must strive to put an end to the world calamity, and after the war we must work together to keep the Pacific Pacific."

Thus declared Baron Tanetaro Megata, member of the house of peers and head of the special Japanese financial commission visiting Honolulu, in an address delivered at a banquet given by Consul General Rokuro Moroi last night in honor of the commission.

A special finance commission was established in Japan to carry on the work of investigating the financial and economic measures adopted by the foreign powers to meet the exigencies arising out of the great world war, the purpose of its investigations being to furnish Japan with instructive information as to ways and means for furthering the development of the empire, both during and after the war. In pursuance of this purpose persons, officials and private individuals, having ability and experience in the treatment of the subjects concerned, are to be selected from time to time and charged with this important mission.

As the first step, Baron Megata, chief of the commission and his associate commissioners were ordered to proceed to the United States. Therefore, the sending of these commissioners to the United States in order to enable them to observe personally the conditions actually existing in that country and to create between the two nations a better understanding which shall serve to promote the mutual interest of both countries, will not only be instrumental in furthering relations of intimacy between Japan and the United States but also will have the effect of bringing into clearer light the industrial and financial fields of this empire, both during and after the war. That the United States will hold a dominant position in the money market of the world after the war seems quite certain, and consequently to strengthen the basis of cooperation with her is tantamount to advancing the economic position of this empire.

In the selection of the commissioners, comparatively many appointments have been made from business circles, in as much as the necessity of making the investigation a combined effort of both government and people has been keenly felt by the authorities.

Following are the members of the commission:  
Baron Tanetaro Megata, member of the house of peers.  
Osamu Matsumoto, secretary in the department of finance.

Takenosuke Sakaguchi, technical inspector in the extraordinary investigation bureau, department of finance.

Baron Bunkichi Ito, secretary in the extraordinary industrial investigation bureau, department of agriculture and commerce.

Doctor Seiji Hishida, secretary interpreter to the government general of Cho-sen (Korea).

Umekichi Yoneyama, managing director of the Mitsu Bank, Ltd., Tokyo.

Yoshitaro Yamashita, general manager of the Sumitomo firm, Osaka.

Chozo Koike, director of the Ku'ara head office, Osaka.

Kemijiro Matsumoto, representative of the Yasukawa Mining Co., Fukuoka.

At the banquet last night, which was held in the gold room of the Alexander Young hotel, about 40 local business men were present in addition to the members of the commission and local consular attaches. Toasts were drunk to the president and the mitako and brief addresses made. Governor Pinkham welcomed the commission on behalf of Hawaii. The first address was made by Consul General Moroi, who said, in part:

"It is a great thing in these stirring times of world turmoil to be able to point to this country or that country, and to be able to say 'Friend.' I am glad to say that as far as my observations have extended, the warm relations existing between the empire of Japan and the United States have never at any time been other than extremely cordial and while there have been occasions when those who were enemies have attempted to stir up strife between the two countries, I am glad to say that the wisdom and the minds of the great men of the two countries have been able to avert any unpleasantness and we are today enjoying an exchange of commercial and diplomatic relations which we have every hope to believe, will continue for all time.

"There can be no better medium to cement that intercourse than an exchange of personal views between the big men of the two countries, and it is my pleasure, your excellency, and business men of Honolulu, to present to you the prominent men of my country who, I am sure, carry with them a very hearty greeting and a profound hope that the amity we enjoy today may continue as it has in the past."

In part, Baron Megata spoke as follows:  
"We have been commissioned to come to your country on this important occasion to study the financial and economic measures adopted here, so that America and Japan may join hand in hand to prosecute the war until our final victory is won. Our visit, we hope, will prove to be a happy omen for the future prosperity of the commerce and friendship of the two nations.

"I am delighted to find so many thousands of our nationals pursuing their peaceful vocations in these beautiful islands. I am also delighted to learn that many of them soon after America joined in the great world war offered themselves for military service under the flag of the country in which they live, thus exhibiting their characteristic patriotism for America as much as for their native country."

Following are excerpts from Governor Pinkham's address:  
"It would be inappropriate for me to discuss general international economics, but vastly appropriate to review the local economic and commercial relation of Japan and the Territory of Hawaii.

"For commercial reasons, Hawaii invited the Japanese to come to these islands, and, in various and devious ways, assisted them to come. Briefly, they came in notable numbers and following Christian scriptural injunction increased and multiplied until today Japanese subjects compose practically one-half our population.

"While the original motive was to secure labor there was secured nearly every factor that goes to make up a normal community.

"Those who labor cannot all at once command capital and control business, for years of saving must intervene.

"Some years have intervened until we find three notable Japanese banks in Honolulu. We find a number of strong Japanese wholesale firms. In other important vocations and business, the Japanese are exceedingly prominent.

"We find as of June 30th, 1917, out of 32,282 public school pupils, 13,304 are Japanese. Out of 6,746 private school pupils 1,058 are Japanese. In addition the Japanese have 137 schools and about 14,000 pupils solely their own, maintained and directed by themselves.

"Of our population of relatively 235,000 civilians, 107,213 are Japanese subjects, not to mention children being educated in Japan."

## 95TH REPORT OF ASSOCIATION IS GIVEN PUBLIC

On the last lap of a century of exhaustive religious work throughout the Hawaiian Islands, the Hawaiian Evangelical Association has issued its 95th annual report under the heading "Magnifying His Work."

The report shows a healthy growth in the association during the last 12 years, and a gain in all departments of the organization and phases of the work. There are now 106 churches under the direction of the association, having a total of 8916 members. Churches and memberships are distributed as follows:

Oahu, 23 churches and 4340 members; Maui, Molokai and Lanai, 24 churches and 1215 members; Hawaii, 23 churches and 2292 members; Kauai, 16 churches and 1069 members.

The missionary forces of the association consist of the Hawaiian, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese and Sunday school departments, all of which have done excellent work during the last year. There is also a publication department.

The following institutions come under the direction of the educational department of the association:

Kawaiahae seminary, Mills school, Bible school, Japanese Christian Boys' Home, Hilo Boarding school, Japanese Boarding school, Kohala Girls' school, Beretania settlement, Waikeka settlement, Central Kona settlement and Maunaolu seminary.

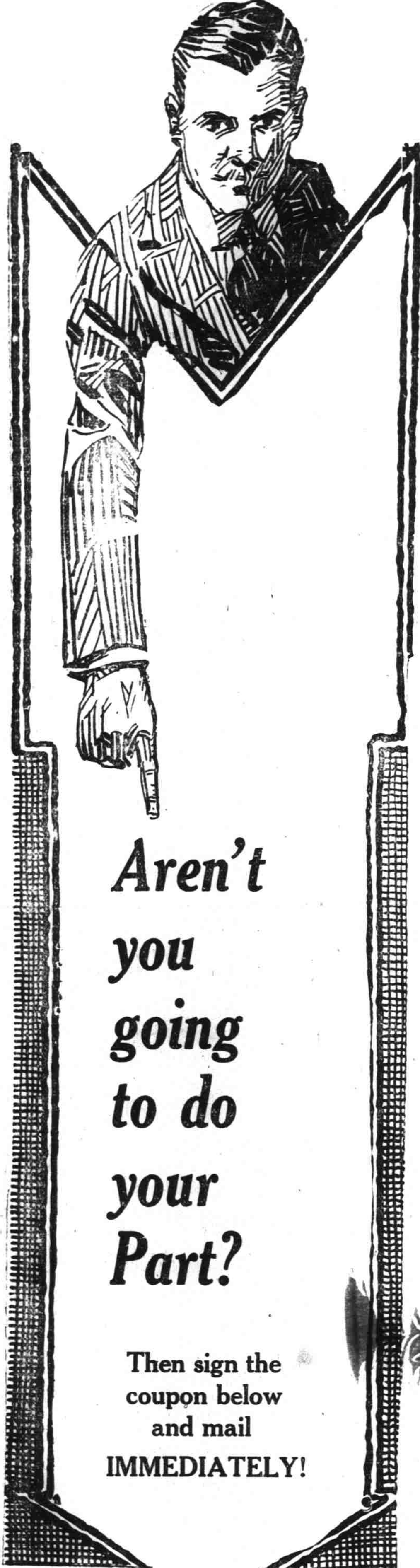
## CIRCLE MAKIAG PLANS FOR XMAS

The members of the Outdoor Circle are planning another Christmas tree, to be given in the palace grounds, and to which tourists, men and officers from all the forts and stations, home people, in fact, everybody, shall be invited. As the plans are being formed much earlier this year than last, it is believed that the tree will be an even greater success. This year, with all the singers in all the schools, clubs, circles, churches and other organizations specially asked to make a part of the great Christmas chorus, the music, which will consist wholly of Christmas carols, and of course the national anthem, should be excellent.

The various groups of singers are asked to practice until they have the carols' note and letter perfect, when they will all be brought together in one big final rehearsal, which will be directed by Miss Jane Winne.

The executive committee now planning for this tree consists of Miss Mary Winne, chairman; Mrs. Isaac Cox, Mrs. A. A. Young, Miss Nora Sturgeon, and Miss Aileen Dowsett.

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