

SEEK TO ABOLISH FAMED JAPANESE UNDERWORLD CITY

Will Prohibit Selling Girls
Into Prostitution and
Slavery.

By Times Special
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 20.—The
soft twang of the samisen, Japan's
native musical instrument, coming
from behind thinly barred windows
of the Yoshiwara, "nightless city,"
of Tokio, can be heard no more by
adventurous young men of the capital
if the present reform wave
sweeping over the ministry of home
affairs is successful.

Gradual abolition of licensed
prostitution has been approved as a
policy by the ministry of home affairs,
and while the home minister
is said to feel that first steps toward
reform should include the improvement
of conditions in the houses,
the ultimate object will be the abo-
lition of the system which permits
the selling of Japanese girls into
slavery.

Tokio, Kobe, Nagasaki—all of the

Ready? Get Set! Splash! Every Tub for Herself



The tub race is the newest and most hilarious sport at Southampton, Long Island summer society colony. Here are six entries for the children's race at Beatrice Breezes' water carnival birthday party. Left to right: Beatrice, Anna Richardson, Rosa Hear, Mildred Nichol, Mary Mellon and Alva Root.

leading cities of Japan have their Yoshiwara, where the young bloods of the town mingle with the older men and occasionally meet a venturesome foreigner bent on seeing the far-famed "nightless city."

Imagine a whole section of the city, gay with lanterns, charming with its balconies suggestive of Cairo, its modern buildings built to stand forever, and the entire section given over to houses of the underworld. "Cherry blossom time" in

the main Yoshiwara of Tokio, near the famous Asakusa Kwanmon temple, was a gala season in the days of the old Yoshiwara. Then the leading women of the nightless city held parades and were attended by their maids in waiting, young girls who had been sold into a life of slavery. And while the pink-toned blossoms sheltered them, these women postured and smiled, and wore their varicolored kimonos in a manner charming to the westerner who

now and then was able to view the procession.

Women in Cages

First, the placing of women in cages, that future patrons might view them, was barred by the Japanese law. Then the American missionaries and the western influence in Japan worked against legalized prostitution. It was whispered that some of the great fortunes of Japan had had their inception in these picturesque districts. Anyway, the

hopes of the reformers met with opposition.

Now the home ministry and the press have taken up the battle to end Japan's nightless cities for all time.

"The emancipation of prostitutes may sound rather extraordinary," says an editorial in the newspaper Chugai Shogyo Shimpo of Tokio. "But this must be our objective."

A blind Englishman has designed a typewriter to print in Chinese.

LUMBER FIRED BY RAIN

Water on Lime Starts Blaze on Auto Truck.

By United Press
FOLKESTONE, England, Aug. 20.—Rain set fire to a lumber yard here.

A truck containing lime and lumber truck in the center of the yard. In the course of a heavy rain storm the rain beat its way through a tarpaulin covering with the lime generated heat which set fire to the timber on the truck. This in turn set part of the lumber yard on fire. The blaze was extinguished, however, before much damage had been done.

HONOR PAID WASHINGTON

By United Press
GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Aug. 20.—A bust of George Washington has been donated to the city of Gothenburg by the "Gustavus III Memorial Association," made up of citizens of the two countries, in commemoration of the fact that this Swedish king was the first European monarch to recognize the American independence by concluding with it a treaty of trade and friendship. The

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