

JAP-AMERICAN WAR PREDICTED

Torio, Close Friend of Mikado, Says It May Last a Century.

CONFLICT IS INEVITABLE.

INTIMATED JAPAN IS STRONG NATION OF ORIENT AND WRONGS DONE TO ORIENT WILL BE REVENGE.

New York, Nov. 14.—War—devastating, terrible and lasting perhaps a century—between the United States and Japan is declared inevitable by Viscount Torio, Japanese "elder statesman" and one of the closest friends of the Mikado in an interview secured by Richard Barry the war correspondent, to be published in the December number of Hampton's Broadway Magazine.

Coming from a man of such great prominence, this first authoritative prediction of a huge conflict between Occident and Orient is expected to stir the nations of the world as has no utterance of recent times.

Will Turn Hair Gray.

"Come and see me when you return from the first stage of it," said Gen. Torio to his interviewer. "Your hair will be as gray as mine."

"What?" said Barry, "a thirty year war?"

"Perhaps a hundred," replied the Viscount. "You have a great nation and we have—well we have a great nation too."

But is it possible for nations to fight so continuously in these modern times?" he was asked.

"In the life of a nation like Japan a century is but a day," said the statesman. "We have existed since the growing of the first anemone; we will continue to exist after the reaping of the last sunflower. And we have existed so long for one thing—to preserve our national unity."

Family Covers All Asia.

"As a nation we are only one member of a family. That family covers the whole continent of Asia and all the islands that lie near it. It has many members from grandfather China to the little bad boy in the Philippines. It is a big family, a wonderful family, and we reverence it. Behind the family we remember nothing. Beyond that family we see nothing. There is nothing but the family."

"All our ideas of life are based upon the family. Thereon our civilization is built. We are born, we live, we die for the family. The family gives us our colossal strength, our perpetuity, and it gives us that easy reliance in ourselves which lets us drift sometimes for centuries, secure always in the faith that if some members of the family may be weak or foolish, there will always be a strong member to fight, to maintain, to shield."

Recalls Alexander the Great.

"Over 2,000 years ago your boy Alexander strayed into our back yard. He was a bright boy and venturesome, expert with the sword, and we sent against him one who at that time was our eldest brother, the god Xerxes."

"Our elder brother fell and your younger brother pushed on, for how long? For a breath, a laugh, a shy, exulting shout; then he slipped, he fell, he died, and his people scattered and his nation perished and we lived on—the family triumphed."

"We opened, we absorbed them, we passed them out and did not know that they had come. And therein we always win. If overwhelmed, if starved, if outwitted, we yield, we graciously submit—for a time—and then the family gathers its loyal members together, loosely enfolds its entwining and terrible arms hospitably about our triumphant victor."

Four Times Cast Out.

"You have a family, just as we have one, your family of the Occident. Four times in the last 2,000 years has some member of your family strayed over to impose upon the rights of our family. Four times have we cast you out and your marks have hardly remained."

"Do you think, then, that the fifth time you come upon us you are to stay, to take our lands, keep our men, remove our money? The hundred and fifty years you have been in India is but a day and a half in our slow family pride. Your decade in the Philippines is but the interval between smoking cigarettes."

"To be exact, then," asked General Torio's interviewer, "you mean that Japan today is the strong nation of Asia and that she will right the wrongs of all the Orient, that you will drive the American from the Philippines, the British from India, the Russians from Manchuria, the French from Indo-China and the Germans from Kiao Chou?"

"Oh! you Americans!" exclaimed the old man, showing his first impatience and that only by the quick movement of his eye-lashes, "to be exact, we have driven the Russians from Lower Manchuria."

Why Russia Was Chosen.

"Why did Japan choose Russia first among the white people?" was asked.

"Why does the wounded buffalo turn on the dogs?" the statesman replied, almost savagely.

"And yet, now that you have Korea, the natives complain more bitterly than they did of the Russians," persisted the interviewer. "Is that like a loyal member of the family?"

The old man smiled slyly.

"The bad young one never likes to be spanked."

"Do you then regard so confidently a conflict with America?"

"I regard it as inevitable. You are

FLORODORA GIRL MARRIES MILLIONAIRE.



MRS. GURNEY SMITH.

Elaine Van Selover was one of the famous "Floradora" sextette, whose secret marriage to Francis Gurney Smith, a Philadelphia millionaire, is announced.

encroaching on the rights of our family.

Difference Between Races.

"And you feel certain of the outcome?" was asked.

"Remember this," and as he spoke the old man arose, "the whole difference between you and us hinges on a thought—what your philosophers call a 'mental attitude.' That thought is the attitude we bear toward one another. Among you the purposes of life are absolute. We have but one purpose—duty; the highest duty is to the shoppers living in this section of the country."

"Even in these casual observations," comments the interviewer, "was shown clearly, more clearly than is usual with his diplomatic countrymen, the innate contempt that the Japanese bears for the American."

GOMEZ IS ELECTED

Returns From Cuban Election
Of Saturday Show Liberal Successful.

RETURNS COME IN SLOWLY

Havana, Nov. 14.—Returns from the various provinces indicate that Jose Miguel Gomez, the liberal candidate was elected president of the Cuban republic today. Returns from the outlying municipalities are slow in coming in.

Two tickets were in the field, the Liberal headed by Jose Miguel Gomez and Alfredo Zayas, candidates respectively for the presidency and vice presidency and the Conservative with Gen. Mario Menocal and Dr. Rafael Montero as candidates.

Col. C. H. Crowder of the bureau of elections, during the day received reports from each municipality excepting Cienfuegos, Cardenas, Nuevitas, Ciego, De Villa and a few others, saying that quiet reigned and that there was no indication of trouble.

The followers of Jose Miguel Gomez in the city of Havana began a celebration late Friday night in anticipation of the expected victory of today. Brilliantly illuminated trolley cars with bands of music were run through the city discharging fireworks as they progressed. The explosion of a box of fireworks on one car injured six persons.

Cabs and automobiles were freely used by both parties to carry voters to the polls. This afternoon Governor Magoon made a tour of the city and he went in an automobile to inspect the towns in the vicinity of the capital.

An investigation of the shooting at Cienfuegos of Edwardo Prieto, a Liberal, by Gonzalez Vista, a Conservative and at one time mayor of Cienfuegos, indicates that the affair is without political significance. One policeman was seriously injured while attempting to separate the two men.

REUNION TODAY.

The confirmed classes of the Trinity Lutheran church will hold a reunion at the church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. A program consisting of musical and literary numbers has been arranged and a very interesting reunion is promised all those who are expecting to attend.

NEW LEADER IN FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.



FRANK MOSS.

Moss has been elected to succeed the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Parkhurst, as president of the Society for the Prevention of Crime.

MERCHANTS MAY RUN EXCURSIONS

Business Men May Seek New Scheme to Attract Trade To Richmond.

BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED.

MUCH OF THAT TRADE WHICH HAS BEEN GOING TO LARGER CITIES WOULD BE RETAINED, LOCAL BUSINESS MAN SAYS.

Several local business men are considering the advisability of interesting their associates in a movement to run free traction and railroad excursions into the city at regular intervals during the holiday shopping season. No active steps to further this movement have been taken up to the present time, but if its promoters deem it advisable to inaugurate the scheme these steps will be taken within the next week.

The movement is contemplated because the merchants of this city have for the past two years seen trade taken away from them because of free excursions operated by the enterprising business men of Indianapolis and Dayton. Richmond merchants are confident that they have as good stocks to offer to the holiday trade as the Dayton and Indianapolis merchants and are anxious to prove this to the shoppers living in this section of the country.

"Local trade still continues good, but the merchants of this city have been gradually losing trade they formerly had among the people in this county outside of Richmond and in neighboring counties," said a well known Main street dealer yesterday.

"This is because our merchants have offered no inducements to this class of trade to patronize them," he continued. "We have suffered the humiliation of seeing the trade we formerly had in Williamsburg, Economy, Fountain City and other towns close to us to the north going to Muncie for the major portion of their shopping. Now and then people from these towns come to my store and I have been surprised to learn that they are as familiar with the principal stores in Muncie as the people of Richmond are familiar with our principal stores. It is also true that Dayton and Indianapolis have been drawing heavily on our holiday trade and I think it is time the merchants of this city wake up and again secure the trade which has been taken away from us and which rightfully belongs to us. I would like to see the merchants of this city raise a fund to have free excursions run to Richmond during the coming holidays."

A CURIOUS WORD.

Twists That May Be Given to "Ba" in the Chinese Language.

In the Chinese language the same word may be given several different meanings by the modulation of the voice. The same thing may happen to the English "Yes," which may be pronounced as to mean "I assent to that," or "I am doubtful," or "Indeed?" An eminent authority on philology gives an amusing illustration of these modulations in the Annamite language, a monosyllabic tongue spoken by the people of Tonquin and Cochinchina.

In this language the syllable "ba" pronounced with a grave accent means a lady, an ancestor. Pronounced with the sharp accent, it means the favorite of a prince.

Pronounced with the semi-grave accent, it means what has been thrown away. Pronounced with the grave circumflex, it means what has been left of a fruit after the juice has been squeezed out. Pronounced with no accent, it means three. Pronounced with the ascending or interrogation accent, it means a box on the ears.

Thus the word "ba" in the order given above, is said to mean, if properly pronounced, "Three ladies gave a box on the ear to the favorite of the prince."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Two Previous.

A Richmond woman has in her employ a little darky, Miss Cole. One day Miss became confidential and told his mistress he was "goin' to the cemetery next Sunday."

"But, Miss, that's a long walk. You know it is more than five miles."

"Oh, missus, I ain't goin' to walk. I's goin' to ride."

"How is that, Miss?"

"I's goin' in a kerridge t' my uncle's funeral."

All day Saturday Miss could talk of nothing but the approaching affair. Sunday his mistress excused him, and she expected that on Monday she would be regaled with a full account of the funeral. But Miss turned up with a most melancholy face. In answer to her inquiry he said:

"I didn't go, missus. He ain't dead yet."—New York Herald.

Had Its Limitations.

A Scottish farmer was proudly showing a visitor an antique clock which had recently come into his possession.

"Isn't that a gran' clock?" he said.

"I bocht it at an auction sale in the toon the other day an' got a rare bargain."

"Yes, but does it keep good time?" the visitor asked.

"Ah, weel, it's no good enough to catch a train or that sort o' thing, but good enough to get up to yer breakfast wi!"

A Budding Philologist.

Bobbie, aged five, saw a cow grazing in his mother's flower garden and shouted: "Scat! Scat!"

The cow didn't seem to be much intimidated and calmly ate on.

Three-year-old Mary, dancing with excitement, exclaimed: "Tell him to 'scow, Wobbie, tell him to 'scow!"—Delineator.

He Understood.

He Do you understand where that fellow stood—the one who was just talking to us? Jewett—Sure; he was standing on my feet most of the time.—New York Press.

We are natural believers. Truth, or the connection between cause and effect, alone interests us.—Emerson.

Decay of Building Stones.

The causes of decay in building stones are various and depend on the physical structure of the stone, its composition and the nature of the surrounding atmosphere. The most destructive agent to which the stone is exposed is rain or a moist atmosphere and also in a minor degree wind, frost and smoke. The air of large towns is usually charged with various deleterious acids. These acids are dissolved by the rain, which penetrates the stone in a greater or less degree, according to its physical structure, and combines with the constituents of the stone, causing it to decay, so that any admixture that will check the admission of water will be most likely to succeed in arresting decay.

—New York Herald.

Stocks Rise in Ten Days \$2,000,000,000

Since the Presidential election the market value of stocks and bonds quoted in Wall street has been advanced more than TWO BILLION DOLLARS.

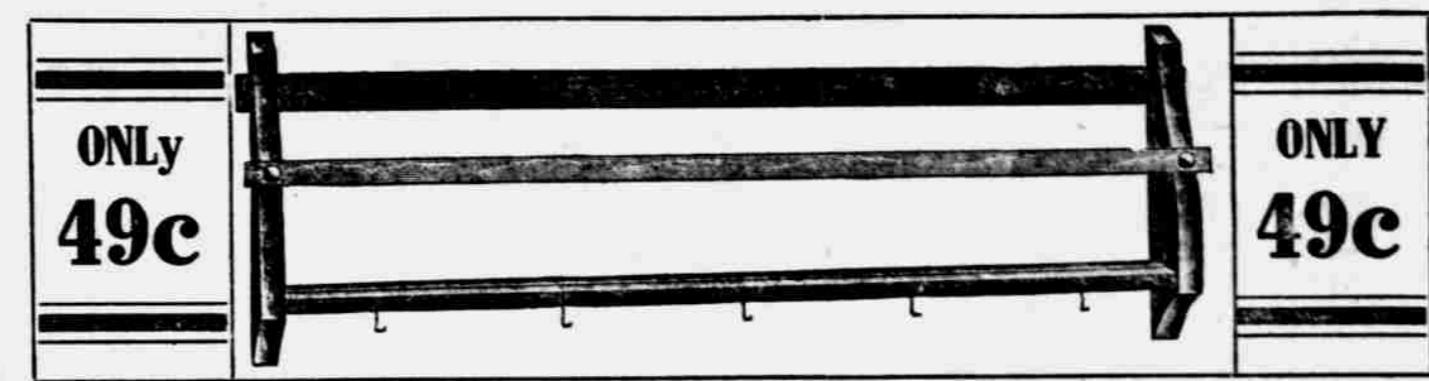
The enormous increase in value has been accomplished in ten days of trading. This calculation is based upon actual quotations made on the New York Stock Exchange.

Following are the stocks selected as representatives of the market, together with the price per share to the nearest even figure each has advanced and the increase this means for the total capitalization:

	Price advanced.	Market value advanced.
U. S. Steel	\$11	\$55,880,000
Union Pacific	10	20,000,000
Southern Pacific	10	20,000,000
Erie	5	5,600,000
Reading	9	6,300,000
Northern Pacific	9	13,950,000
St. Paul	8	6,640,000
Amalgamated	8	12,400,000
Pennsylvania	4	12,600,000
New York Central	11	19,800,000
Total		\$173,170,000

The Lucky Coupon for the \$25.00 HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINET

Given away Saturday, was held by MRS. ALEXANDER GILCHRIST, 315 Kinsey St. The drawing was conducted by a committee of newspaper men, and Miss Nellie Becker. Great interest was manifested and general satisfaction is expressed over the result. See the lucky Cabinet in our Big East Window. Come in and see our big Hoosier Cabinet display.



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