

AMERICA PRAISED BY TAKAHIRA AT LINCOLN BANQUET

Japanese Envoy at Peoria
Celebration Says Friendship Not Injured by the
Western Jingo.

GOLDEN RULE LAUDED BY THE AMBASSADOR

Gallant Jap Rises From a
Sick Bed at the Request of
President to Deliver Good
Will Message.

Coria, Ill., Feb. 12.—Baron Takahira, Japanese ambassador to the United States yesterday in this city gave Japan's tribute of praise to the memory of Lincoln and brought a pledge of friendship which his nation bears toward America. He was speaking at the banquet of the Creve Coeur club.

The ambassador had arisen from a sick bed to deliver his speech. He had come from Washington as the result of the personal appeal of President Roosevelt. At the time the ambassador became ill a week or so ago, Peoria renewed its messages, asking him to come for the Lincoln celebration.

These messages were taken by Congressman Graff to the White House, and President Roosevelt himself turned them over to Baron Takahira with his own plea that the ambassador should accept.

The president's purpose in urging the acceptance of the invitation was to demonstrate to the people of the middle west that Japan has not abated its friendship with America because of the attacks of the rabid anti-Japanese shouters of the far west. The president feared that if the ambassador allowed his illness to keep him in Washington it might be misunderstood as the protest of official Japan to the Jimmies of California and other western states.

JAPAN OWES AMERICA DEBT.

The message brought by the ambassador was a full denial of these fears. This, he said, had solved all of American diplomacy, which he said was best represented in Lincoln. He reviewed the progress of Japan, first opened to the world by America, and declared his nation always would be a debtor to America.

American diplomacy, he said, was best represented by the saying of John Hay that the "briefest expression of our rule of conduct is perhaps the Monroe doctrine and the golden rule."

This, he said, has solved all of America's problems in the past and will solve all in the future if carried out.

Referring directly to the cloud on the friendship of America and Japan, the ambassador said it would disappear with the application of the "golden rule" diplomacy, answered in kind by Japan. Already Japan has restricted the immigration of the coolie class, and that the number of Japanese in America is decreasing. All other problems will disappear in the same manner without friction if both nations stand by their accepted policy.

ENVEY'S TRIBUTE TO LINCOLN.

Surprise has been expressed that Garrard would take hold of a bill of this kind. He is the democratic floor leader. The democratic platform did not declare for such a public utilities law and Governor Marshall does not believe that a public utilities commission is needed now. Garrard is putting in a lot of his time pushing this bill and in this course he is embarrassing the democrats of the house. Some of them are complaining about it. They say such a bill is undemocratic because it aims to put the people absolutely in the power of corporations. A red hot fight is being made of those corporations.

Is a Historic Landmark

Milton People Proud of the Old Church, Now a Handsome Edifice But Formerly a Rude Log Cabin.

Milton, Ind., Feb. 13.—In 1814 a party of pioneers, including Philip Doddridge, his sons-in-law, David Jenkins and John Spahr, came to Indiana and entered land, Philip buying what was termed the twelve miles purchase. One of his first acts was to set aside two acres of his land for a church and cemetery, thus virtually establishing the church in this locality.

Philip Doddridge performed the greater portion of the work on the old log cabin which served as the first house of worship. It was completed in 1816, and was called Doddridge Chapel, in honor of its founder. In 1832 the rude structure of logs, hewn from the primeval forest in which it was erected, gave place to a brick building that reared its modest height, and in 1876 the present building took the place of the old one.

John Doddridge, son of Philip, was active in the work of building two of these churches, and his estimable wife was no less interested and zealous. During the quarterly meetings they entertained as many as fifty guests, and their home, a commodious brick structure just south of the church, was always ready to receive ministers and visiting brethren.

David J. Doddridge, the only surviving member of this once large family, is still living in the old homestead, which descended from father to son, and is as zealous in the work of the church as were his father and grandfather.

The church is located in this township, about eight miles east of Milton, and is one of the two preaching places of the Milton M. E. church. It stands in a lovely spot, sheltered and shadowed by a beautiful forest on one side and on the other side lies the cemetery in which lie the early settlers of the eastern part of Washington township, and where many of the stones are leached and gray with age. The building was recently remodeled and has an acetylene plant for lighting purposes. The membership is about 245.

The church is one of the historic landmarks of the township and its converts are scattered throughout many states. Among the ministers of the gospel as preached by Methodist Episcopal faith that have been sent out from Doddridge Chapel are the Rev. George Nethercut, whose field of labor is near the old Tippecanoe battle grounds; the Rev. A. N. Marlatt, retired from the Indiana M. E. conference and now living at Connersville; the Rev. John McMullen, whose last charge was at Lafayette; the Rev. David Doddridge, presiding elder of the Vincennes M. E. district; the Rev. Alvin C. Wagner, now in Portland, Oregon; the Rev. Howard Wright, who is located in Iowa.

Indianapolis, Feb. 13.—The public utilities bill concocted by the public utilities people of Indianapolis and introduced in the house by Garrard, of Knox county, was considered at a joint meeting of the house and senate committees on corporations. Other bills introduced on the subject were to have been considered, but the "utilities' own" provided such fair game that nobody remembered the other bills until time to adjourn. Present to defend the measure were J. V. Zarman, secretary of the Indiana Manufacturers and Shippers' association, nominal sponsor for the bill and attorney D. P. Williams, nominal draftsman of the bill. When the attack on the measure had become earnest, however, neither of these had anything to say.

B. B. Johnson, of Richmond, member of the executive committee of the Manufacturers and Shippers' association, and member of the board of public works of Richmond, appeared, so he said, to set the association right before the legislature. The bill was not a real product of the association, he said, and the executive committee had not been unanimous in its endorsement. "There was a feeling," he said, "that it came from gentlemen who are in public utilities themselves."

Not Work of a Night.

Mr. Johnson explained that as a member of the board of public works of Richmond, he had charge of the municipal lighting plant. He was a manufacturer and shipper, he said, but when he joined the association he had "no idea that we'd be engaged in this sort of business. Nothing in this bill has anything to do with manufacturing and shipping."

He believed, he said, that inasmuch as New York and Wisconsin had each

men abroad for a long period studying the subject, Indiana ought not to try to do the same work in a night.

Taking up the bill in detail, he said there should be a provision whereby no franchise should be granted to a utility until the town or city in which it was to be located had granted the same. Referring to Section 6, he said: "They told us on their holy oaths that there was nothing in the bill to abrogate any existing contracts, yet under this section they provide that every corporation that has an unsatisfactory contract may slide under the sheltering wing of this measure, while any that is satisfied may stay out." It was like the story of the turkey and the turkey-buzzard, he said.

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The lawyer members of the committee expressed disagreement with Williams' theory.

Johnson pointed out what could happen under the bill in case of the merger of three or four kinds of utilities. The permission granted for considering "all going and intangible" values, in making rates that would be a fair return on the investment, he said, would mean that the merging companies would claim fairly a right to combined valuation of three or four times the actual value of the plant. On this they could legally charge exorbitant rates. A reasonable provision, he said, would be that there should be a fair valuation of the merged properties, considered in the light of the purpose for which they were used.

A New York syndicate, he said, had been seeking in every legitimate and illegitimate way to get control of the municipal plant at Richmond, but had not succeeded because the plant had been a success, and the people were for it. Under this bill, he said, the syndicate's plant could cut rates to a ruinous degree and break down the municipal plant.

"Will you state, please," said Garrard, "a provision that would prevent this?"

"Well, you'll never prevent it through a provision for control of maximum rates only," answered Johnson. "Actual rates should be controlled, as they are in New York and Wisconsin."

Amendment for Control.

He suggested an amendment, in line with the Wisconsin law, whereby if a utility does not come under the provisions of the act, the commission shall have the power after a petition from consumers and after a public hearing, to fix rates and control the service.

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JOHNSON IN ARMS

FOR THE DEFEAT UTILITIES BILL

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COULD CUT CITY RATES TO A RUINOUS DEGREE

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